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Prices Of Foodstuffs Jump Up

Soviet Aggression In Commons

BUTLER TO MAKE STATEMENT AT GENEVA

Russia Suffers Heavy Casualties: New Finnish Defence Measures

That the action of the Finnish Government was taken on their own initiative and the British Government had not sent any protests to Berlin and Moscow;

And that Mr. Butler will make a statement at the League Council and Assembly meetings on Saturday and Monday are the replies elicited from Mr. Chamberlain to a question in Commons regarding the violation of the Finnish territory.

FINNISH DEFENCE MEASURES

THE FINNISH RESISTANCE TO THE SOVIET ADVANCE, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST CABLES, IS MARVELLOUS RESULTING IN HEAVY LOSSES TO THE RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT.

AS A MEASURE OF DEFENCE THE FINNS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BURNT THE PORT OF PETSAMO AND BEGUN THE FORTIFICATION OF THE AALAND ISLANDS.

Heavy Losses For Soviet Aircraft

ROME, DEC. 5.

FINNISH AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND DISPERSED SOVIET TROOPS MARCHING TOWARDS PETSAMO, ACCORDING TO A HELSINKI DESPATCH WHICH ALSO STATED THAT FINNISH ANTI-AIRCRAFT INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON SOVIET AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING TO BOMB THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANTS IN IMATRA STATES.

THE FINNS ARE OPPOSING 80,000 RUSSIANS IN KARELIA. —REUTER.

FINNS BURN PETSAMO

Organisation Of Two Defence Lines

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 5.

The Finns are reported to have organised two strong defence lines in the north outside Petsamo and at Salmajaervi, where decisive action is expected. Petsamo is reported to have been burned by the Finns.

North of Salmjaervi, Finns surrounded 200 Russians, whose presence could only be explained by the fact that they were dropped by parachutes. Newspapers state that many refugees have died of cold and 5,000 have crossed the frontier at Haparanda.

Sweden has already subscribed a million kronor to equip a corps of volunteers for Finland and similar amount for Finnish Red Cross.—Reuter.

NETHERLAND'S DEFENCE

Govt. To Buy Baloon Barrages

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5.

The Netherlands Government has decided to purchase a number of baloon barrages as part of a new scheme of strengthening the defence of the country, in addition to anti-aircraft guns.

The Minister for Defence stated that the Government had no intention of arming merchant ships.—Reuter.

BRITISHERS LEAVE HELSINKI

HELSINKI, Dec. 5.

The departure of the last of the Britons from Helsinki was arranged in the early hours of to-day by the British Legation, writes Reuter's Special Correspondent.

"I and the British-born manager of a local tobacco factory were the only Britons sleeping in the heart of the city. We were awakened at 3-30 by telephone and instructed to present ourselves immediately at the Legation for a trip to a secret hide-out with other Britishers, who spent the night on the outskirts of the city. The spirit and pluck of the young Finns to whom I talked before departure were amazing. "Our men are just playing with Russians, who are losing tanks by the dozen," declared one.—Reuter.

FINNISH DISPUTE IN COMMONS

Butler To Make Statement At Geneva

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the Commons, asked if the Government had yet sent any protests to Berlin and Moscow regarding the violation of Finnish territory, the Prime Minister replied in the negative.

Replying to a question regarding Finland's appeal to the League, the Prime Minister said that the action of the Finnish Government was taken on their own initiative.

The Council had been summoned for Saturday and the Assembly was expected to meet on Monday.

Great Britain would be represented by Mr. R. A. Butler who would make a statement on behalf of the British Government.—Reuter.

GERMANY RECOGNISES HELSINKI GOVT.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is learnt in Berlin that Germany still recognises the Finnish Government in Helsinki.

It is also learnt Germany is exchanging views with Italy.

Partial Mobilisation In Sweden

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is admitted in Sweden that the Russo-Finnish situation has

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The New International Law

"You shout three times I feel threatened ... I feel threatened ... I feel threatened ..., then you bite her head off."

TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS TORPEDOED

LONDON, December 5.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE CREW ARE DEAD AND FIVE MISSING FOLLOWING THE TORPEDOING OF A LONDON STEAMER "HORSTED" (1,670 TONS) IN THE NORTH SEA.

THIRTEEN SURVIVORS LANDED ON MONDAY NIGHT.

A BRITISH WARSHIP RESCUED THE SURVIVORS, WHO HAD BEEN IN WATER FOR AN HOUR.—

THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCE THAT THE 10,000-TON SOUTH ATLANTIC LINER "DORIC STAR" WAS ATTACKED BY A GERMAN RAIDER AND SUNK.

THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS INVOLVED OR SAVED IS NOT KNOWN.—REUTER.

It is believed that the "Admiral Vonscheer" sank the "Doric Star" (10,000 tons), a South Atlantic steamer, homeward bound from Australia and New Zealand, with a crew of 70.

It is not known whether there were any passengers, but there was accommodation for only six.

NO PASSENGERS ON "DORIC STAR"

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Bluestar Line announces that "Doric Star" carried no passengers.—Reuter.

Fourth German Ship Sunk

It was learned that only two out of a crew of 50 of the German guardship have hitherto been rescued.

The guardship sank in four minutes. This is the fourth Nazi ship sunk in German minefield.

U-Boat Prisoners In England

The 144 U-boat prisoners in England do not represent the U-boat sunk. says Reuter's Naval Correspondent, as survivors in sunk submarines are usually few, if any.

He adds that the secret of successful submarine warfare is a highly trained personnel. The U-boat which were at action a fortnight before the war, he declares, were manned by highly trained commanders and crews. It takes seven years to train such a personnel and at a conservative estimate the majority of the crews have now been destroyed or their sphere of action so restricted that they can easily be dealt with. Recruits for the new U-boats are inexperienced youngsters.

The Correspondent adds that in the week from November 26 to December 2, 99 per cent of all shipping, arriving or departing, in the Thames Estuary were unmolested by submarines or mines.

No Official Ceremony At King's Arrival

The King's arrival at the French Port was conspicuous by the absence of official ceremony There was no crowd apart from four French women who waved handkerchiefs.

His Majesty was welcomed by Viscount Gort and then drove to the G. H. Q. where during his stay an intensive programme has been planned including a

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INDIA NOT IN PICTURE

Lord Halifax Repeats War Aims

LONDON, Dec. 5.

"The essential principles of a satisfactory and lasting peace" were defined by Lord Halifax replying to a debate in the Lords on war aims.

Summing up the declarations already made by the Government Opposition and on behalf of Dominions and France Lord Halifax said, that we desired that the people who had been deprived of independence should recover their liberties, we desired to redeem the peoples of Europe from the constant fear of German aggression and safeguard our own freedom and security."

"We do not seek aggrandisement or to redraw the map of Europe in our own interest; still less are we moved by a spirit of vengeance; on the contrary, if Germany is able to restore the confidence she has destroyed, we aim at a settlement which will encourage her to take her rightful place in Europe and we wish to create an international order in which all peoples will be secure under the reign of law, can determine their political and economic life free from interference from their more powerful neighbours. To this end, we will be willing to give our best in cooperation with other nations including Germany to work for a reconstruction, political and economic, for, only so can we believe that ordered international life can be preserved."—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is reported that Herr Hitler has issued a decree declaring the Port of Gdynia as a war base.—Reuter.

CANBERRA, Dec. 5.

The Empire Air Training Scheme estimated to cost Australia 50 million Australian pounds over the total period of war. announced Mr. Menzies in the House of Representatives.—Reuter.

Economic Embargo Against Japan?

Nomura's Complaint Against U. S. Why Reinforce Fleet In Pacific?

TOKYO, Dec. 5.

Mr. Nomura, according to the press, told Mr. Grew that the outstanding cases between Japan and the United States would be fully investigated and compensation paid where necessary.

Finally Mr. Nomura is reported to have expressed regret that despite the fact that Japan is ready to adjust Jap.-American issues, the United States were reinforcing the fleet in the Pacific and their statesmen were advocating an economic embargo against Japan.—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND BURMA ACTS

LONDON, Dec. 5.

In the House of Lords, the Marquis of Zetland introduced a bill to amend the Government of India Act of 1935 and Government of Burma Act of 1935 in certain respects and to make consequential amendment of the Naval Discipline Act.

The First Reading of the Bill was formally passed.—Reuter.

NEW RATES OF BR. ARMY PAY

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The Government has decided to increase the rates of army pay. Militiamen will now receive eight shillings daily until the end of the financial year, thereafter five shillings. Australian Imperial Forces daily rates are fixed at five shillings, plus one shilling deferred pay while in Australia, and extra shilling after embarkation as also three shillings for wife and a shilling for a dependent child.

The new rates will cost 900,000 Australian pounds yearly.—Reuter.

Congress Session And Bihar Government Grant

PATNA, Dec. 5.

It is authoritatively learnt that the Government of Bihar have not withdrawn the grant of Rs. 3,000 for sanitary work at Ramgarh during the Congress session. The Government have, however, retrenched the grant of Rs. 6,000 made for the Public Health Exhibition.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Dealing with the terms on which Britain would lay down arms, Lord Halifax in the course of Lord's debate said that the answer given by M. Daladier a few days ago when he said that France—and he might have added the United Kingdom—would lay down arms when she could treat with a Government, whose signature could be trusted.

Referring to Finland Lord Halifax said that the British people were profoundly shocked by the circumstances of the Soviet attack and profoundly admired the magnificent resistance of the Finns. Referring to that, Anglo-Russian negotiations he thought that events had shown that the judgment and instinct of the British Government in refusing an agreement with the Soviet on terms and formulas covering cases of indirect aggression on the Baltic States were right for it was now plain that this formula might well have been a cloak for ultimate designs and he had little doubt that the people of Britain would prefer to face difficulties and embarrassments rather than feel that we had compromised the honour of Britain and the Commonwealth on such issues.—Reuter.

Blank Cheque To Profiteers

Panic Among City' Population

WORKERS' DEMAND FOR WAR ALLOWANCE

"CHRONICLE SPECIAL"

THE exit of the Congress Ministry seems to have given a blank cheque to 'impatient profiteers'. Bombay is in the grip of all-round speculation. Price-pushing is rampant, not only in cotton and stock-markets, but also in commodity markets.

There is a marked rise in every necessity of life, with the result that the cost of living in the city is reported to have gone up by anything between 30 and 40 per cent., within the last week. Foodstuffs and grains are rapidly appreciating and a daily necessity like sugar has become a speculative counter like Broach or the Tatas. It is not an exaggeration to say that everything has reached a record level except the rents in the city.

The city housewife finds it difficult to make both ends meet. The average wage-earner and the salaried employee of the middle-class are in the doldrums. The cheap breakfast table threatens to be a thing of the past. The price of milk has gone up from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12-8-0 pe. maund. Sugar is sky-rocketing every hour and has not found its level yet. The price of wheat has gone up by 45 per cent. over the September level and over 50 per cent. on August level. The price of butter has also gone up. Thus the frugal breakfast of a 'slice maska' and a cup of tea is fast becoming a luxury.

FOODSTUFFS GO UP.

Coming to the primary commodities, the wholesale prices of jawar have increased by 20 per cent; Bajri by 23 per cent; Wheat by 45 per cent. and rice 15 per cent. The profiteering in those commodities, on September prices, on an average, is about 28 per cent. Add to this the profit of the retailers which is estimated between 8 to 14 per cent. and you get a fair idea of the strain on the poor man's purse.

OILS SOAR.

The prices of pulses are also soaring. 'Urud dal' has become the Bradman of the dal market registering a record increase. Toor dal (unoiled) has gone up by 20 per cent; channa by 31 per cent; moong dal by 25 per cent. and moong by 48 per cent. Mere wholesale prices are for the cheapest quality used by workers and peasants, who should in addition, pay the profit of the retail shop-keeper. The increases is appreciably more in high-class varieties. The price of cocoanut oil and gingilly oil has risen over 80 per cent.

PRICE OF OIL-SEEDS.

Oil seeds are speculative counters and the increase in prices is phenomenal. Linseed (broad) sells at Rs. 11-6-0 per 100 pounds as against 6-14-0 in August last. Linseed (small) is now 9-11-0 as against 6-8-0 in August. Linseed of Raipur is now 9-15-0 as against 6-8-0 in August.

Castor seeds (Broad) for 500 pounds is 48-0-0 as against Rs. 40-0-0; Castor seeds (Bombay) 51-4-0; groundnuts (broad) 43-0-0 as against 31-4-0 in September; ground nuts (Khandesh) 43-0-0 as against 32-0-0, during the same period.

APOLOGIA FOR INCREASE.

Market circles explain away the meteoric price levels on the ground of requisition of commodities for war purposes and irregular sailings of cargo-vessels. They argue that the big rise in the price of cocoanut oil and cocoanuts is due to absence of arrivals from Cochin and Ceylon. It is also argued that oil seeds and mustard have gone up, because of war contingencies. But all these arguments are no answer for rise in prices in all commodities, especially those which are mainly used for home-consumption. The rise in some cases may be sympathetic or due to substitution of wants. But the main responsibility for this big push, lies on the shoulders of profiteers.

CITIZENS TO PAY MORE.

The effect of this rise in prices on the middle-class will be adverse and they will be forced to forego many of their necessities. This price-level automatically nullifies the wage-increase, wrought by the Congress Government for the textile workers and will mean misery and privation to the City's toiling millions.

HOTELS INCREASE RATES.

The rise in price-levels is bound to affect the 'two annas rice plates' which have become an institution among the clerical population of the city, who cannot go in for costly meals. Some hotel proprietors are already contemplating of doing away with cheap meals in view of the few exorbitant prices. Hotels and restaurants have announced increase in rates to their customers.

STIR IN LABOUR CIRCLES.

Quite a panic has been created by this abnormal increase in prices and many business houses have been approached for war-allowance. The city-workers are already mobilising forces to combat profiteering and to ask for war-allowance.

GOVT. MUST ACT.

Since Sir Gilbert Wiles' assurance to the Horniman deputation, things have moved fast. Nothing but prompt action on the part of the authorities will check the menacing situation. It is understood that the Governor's Advisers are already in touch with the city's commercial opinion. Either effective control or a net-work of cheap grain-shops is the only the alternative to check this profiteering.

Commodities markets were closed on Tuesday, due to the fire at Maajid Bunder.

Stockholm Prepares

For Evacuation Of Civilians In Case Of Emergency

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Preparations are proceeding in Stockholm to evacuate civilians in case of emergency. A scheme has been prepared and in addition families are urged to make their own evacuation arrangements. This does not mean that the authorities anticipate an immediate emergency.

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THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED.

NOTICE

The THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of The Associated Cement Companies, Limited, will be held at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall, Fort Bombay, on FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1940 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

By Order of the Board.
For The Associated Cement Cos., Ltd.,
CEMENT AGENCIES, LTD., Managing Agents.
P. J. BILLIMORIA,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 25th November, 1939.

NOTE:—The Dividend when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after Monday, the 15th JANUARY, 1940 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Saturday, the 16th December, 1939.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

City Engineer's Department
(Works Branch)

NOTICE

TENDERS for the works of (1) Construction of a sewer in Road No. 15 and in portion of Road No. 10 in Scheme No. 57 Sewri-Wadala, (2) Construction of sewers in Roads Nos. 19 and 22 in Scheme No. 6, Sion-Matunga, will be received upto 1 p.m. (Bombay Time) on FRIDAY, the 15th December, 1939.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specification, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupees Five each to any one deputed to receive them by the undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
City Engineer's Department
(Works Branch)
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 4-12-1939.

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ORDER BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

(Under Section 23 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902)

I. REGULATION OF TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF HUGHES ROAD, SANDHURST BRIDGE AND CHAUPATI.

(1) French Road from its junction with Chaupati to its junction with Hughes Road shall be CLOSED to East-bound vehicular traffic, i.e. no entry from Chaupati.

(2) PARKING:—Parking of vehicles on either side of the portion of French Road from its junction with Chaupati to its junction with Hughes Road is prohibited between the hours of 5-00 p.m. and 8-00 p.m.

(3) The portion of Sandhurst Road (Bridge) from its junction with Hughes Road to its junction with Chaupati shall be CLOSED to West-bound vehicular traffic between the hours of 5-00 p.m. and 9-00 p.m.

II. This order has been issued as an experimental measure and shall remain in force for a period of two months from the 5th December, 1939.

W. R. G. SMITH,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 4th December, 1939.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th December, 1939, to 27th December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents
Bombay, 1st December, 1939.

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KIRLOSKAR BROTHERS, LIMITED, KIRLOSKARWADI (AUNDH STATE).

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held in the New Samaj Mandir, opposite the Business Office of the Company at Kirloskarwadi, (Aundh State) on THURSDAY, the 28th December, 1939 just after 15 minutes after the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting is over at the same place to pass the following proposals:—

(1) "That it is hereby resolved that the article 21 of the Articles of Association of the Company is deleted."

(2) "That it is hereby resolved that the words from the words "Shares" in the second line to the words "Remain Unpaid" in the seventh line of the article 33 of the Articles of Association of the Company are deleted."

(3) "That it is hereby resolved that all the words from the words "And all interest" in the second line of the article 115 of the Articles of the Association of the Company are deleted."

By Order of the Board.
KIRLOSKAR SONS & CO.,
Managing Agents.
Kirloskarwadi, (Aundh State),
Dated 3rd December, 1939.

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KIRLOSKAR BROTHERS, LIMITED, KIRLOSKARWADI (AUNDH STATE).

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the New Samaj Mandir opposite to the Business Office of the Company at Kirloskarwadi (Aundh State) on THURSDAY, the 28th December, 1939 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Director's Report and Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account made up to 31st July, 1939.

(2) To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.

(3) To elect the Directors in the place of Shrimant Sardar Jagannath Maharaj Pandit and Rao Saheb Ganesh Gopal Shembekar who retire by rotation and they offer themselves for re-election and are eligible for re-election. And also to confirm the appointment of Mr. V. P. Varde of Bombay, who is appointed a Director under article 104 of the Articles of Association of the Company and who is also to be re-elected.

(4) To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the current year and to fix his or their remuneration.

(5) To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th December, 1939 to 4th January 1940 both days inclusive

By Order of the Board,
KIRLOSKAR SONS & CO.,
Managing Agents.
Kirloskarwadi, (Aundh State),
Date 3rd December, 1939.

N. B.—After the sanction of the Dividend in the above General Meeting the Dividend Warrants will be sent after the 15th February, 1940 to those share holders whose names are on the Register on the 28th December, 1939.

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THE CENTRAL PROVINCES RAILWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Central Provinces Railways Company, Limited, will be held on THURSDAY, the 21st day of December, 1939, at 4-30 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1st.—To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September 1939.

2nd.—To declare a Dividend.

3rd.—To elect Directors in the place of Mr. R. C. Giles and Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Kt., C.I.E., M.B.E., who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

4th.—To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 4th to Monday, the 18th December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 29th November, 1939.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAMJIBHAI AMRATLAL MAKWANA, DINSHAW BURJORJI DOCTOR and ERUCH ARDESHIR TARAPORE, of Bombay, the first, a Hindu Inhabitant and the last two Parsi Inhabitants, carrying on business in Bombay in partnership in the firm, name and style of the Eastern Constructions Co. (the vendors) have contracted for the absolute sale to our client of the undermentioned Leasehold property and such sale of the land and buildings is proposed to be completed by the original Lessors named Burjorji Hormusji Poonegar and Nusserwanji Hormusji Poonegar executing a direct Lease of the said premises with the consent of the Vendors in favour of our client the Purchaser.

All persons, therefore, having or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof whether by way of inheritance, bequest, trust, possession, gift, sale, mortgage, charges, lien, lease, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make such claims known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 41, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims, and all such claims, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house, out-houses and/or garages standing thereon being Plot No. 5 of the land originally belonging to the B.B. and C.I. Railway and situate, lying and being on the East side of Sleater Road near Grant Road Railway Station, containing by admeasurement 1136.4/9 square yards or thereabouts in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1E/56, Tardeo Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No. 3681(7b) and Street No. 19 and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the B.B. and C.I. Railway line, on or towards the West by the aforesaid Sleater Road, on or towards the North partly by the property bearing Plot No. 6 now belonging to Mrs. Dina Boga and partly by property bearing Plot No. 7, belonging to the Vendors and on or towards the South by the property bearing Plot No. 4 and belonging to Messrs. Lentin and Engineer.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1939.

VRAJLAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Public Notices

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

THE TRUSTEES of the Port of Bombay invite applications from Engineers, possessing high Engineering qualifications and experience preferably in Port, Dock or Railway construction and maintenance for appointment as their Chief Engineer.

The pay of the post is Rs. 2,000 rising by annual increments of Rs. 75 to Rs. 2,300 per mensem *plus*—in the case of a married officer whose family is resident in Bombay—a House Allowance in accordance with Rules sanctioned by the Trustees from time to time.

The selected applicant will be required to pass a Medical examination by the Administrative Medical Officer, Bombay Port Trust, subject to which he will be appointed on agreement for three years in the first instance. If considered suitable by the Trustees, he will thereafter be confirmed on the permanent staff and be required to subscribe to the Trustees' Provident Fund.

Applications giving full particulars regarding age (preferably between 40 and 45 years), nationality, previous experience and qualifications, and accompanied by references and copies of testimonials, should be addressed in writing to the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, Bombay, and will be received up to 6th February 1940. Applications should be marked "Appointment of Chief Engineer."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

NOTE.—By this announcement the latest date for the receipt of applications has been extended to 6th February. All applications hitherto submitted will be taken into consideration.

By Order of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay,
N. M. MORRIS,
Secretary.

4th December, 1939.

(1507)

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT.

O. O. C. J.

SUIT No. 1673 of 1939.

DR N. R. SENJIT ..... Plaintiff
Vs.
(1) SHIVSHANKAR SHAMRAO TALPADE, (2) VITHABAI SHIVSHANKAR TALPADE, (3) PORIBAI V. JAYAKAR, (4) ANANDRAO KRISHNARAO KOTHARE, ... Defendants

To,
ANANDRAO KRISHNARAO KOTHARE,
the 4th Defendant abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed the above suit 'inter alia' against you for accounts on the ground of wilful default by you of the trust property in the suit, for your removal as a trustee under the Deed of Settlement mentioned in the Plaint and for other reliefs AND you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on 17th day of February, 1940, at 11 O'Clock (S.T.) in the forenoon with all your witnesses, documents, etc., AND you are hereby required to note that in default of your appearance the suit will be heard exparte as the date fixed for your appearance is for the final disposal of the suit.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1939.

NANU HORMASJEE & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

1511.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 38 of 1938.

Bai INDIRABAI MAHADEO TATREY. .... Plaintiff.
versus
ANANDRAO KRISHNARAO KOTHARE. ....Defendant.

To
The Defendant.

TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff will apply to His Lordship Mr. Justice Blackwell on TUESDAY, the 12th day of December, 1939, at 11 a.m. (S.T.) for an Order for transmitting a certified copy of the Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 14th November, 1938 to the District Court at Thana for execution thereof or in the alternative to amend the said Decree Absolute for sale by inserting a direction that a certified copy of the said Decree Absolute for Sale be transmitted to the District Court at Thana as aforesaid and for costs.

Dated th's 30th day of November, 1939.

VACHHA & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

(1513)

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FANCY MARKET

We have great pleasure to announce to the residents of D, E, F and G (South) Wards, the opening of a full fledged and up-to-date market at the junction of Morland Road and Wylie Road, behind the salvation army headquarters at Ripon Road and the vicinity of the Y.M.C.A.

The market has been fully furnished with stalls and shops, vending mutton, beef, fish, poultry and all kinds of vegetables and fruit and catering the provision in general.

We fully hope that the residents of Clare Road, Ripon Road, Lamington Road, Jacob Circle, Gowalia Tank, Mahalaxmi, Chinchpokli, Fergusson Road and Parel will take full advantage of this facility want whereof was long felt.

The market is midway between Byculla (G.I.P.) and Bombay Central (B.B. and C.I.) Railway Stations and close to Mahalaxmi at 5 minutes' walk from any station.

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On The Air

WEDNESDAY, 6TH DEC.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

6 p.m. to 6-25 As in Bombay 1. 6-25 Strings. 6-35 to 6-40 As in Bombay 1. 6-40 Swing Session 6-15 to 6-50 As in Bombay 2. 6-50 For Villagers. 7-15 to 7-55 As in Bombay 2. 7-55 Khayal aur Thumrian. 8-25 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 In English followed by relay of B B C news. 10 to 10-30 As in Bombay 1 10-30 Late news.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-10 As in Bombay 1. 6-10 The Water Cups. 6-20 G. M. Durrani. 6-35 Twilight melodies. 6-50 R. Rasmathkar 7 A Provincial Lady Speaks, 6. talk in Marathi. 7-15 Ustad Jhande Khan's Compositions. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Readings from Gujarati Books. 7-55 to 8-25 As in Bombay 1 8-25 Hirabai Barodekar 8-55 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 9-35 Julia Wortmann. 9-45 Mischa Elman; Violin. 9-55 Leo D'Souza; Tenor. 10 5 The Orchestra of the State Opera House 10-15 Emmi Marcus: Pianoforte. 10-30 Late news.

Delhi III—Programme

19.62 metres (15,290 kc/s)

9-10 a.m. to 10-30 and 12-30 p.m. to 2 30 As in Delhi 1.

31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. to 7 and 11 to 10-30 As in Delhi

Bombay—I Programme

344 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Morning melodies. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8 20 In Gujarati. 8-25 Manohar Kapur. 8-40 News in Hindustani 8-50 In English. 9 P. N. Dewoolkar. 9-20 Karim Khan. 9-30 Ratan Prabha. 9-40 Manohar Kapur. 9-57 Roshanara Begam.

12-52 p.m. Dadras from the discs. 12-40 Geets. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Film songs. 1-10 Mutual Understanding, daily lesson in Eng. and Hin. 1 25 Vismadeo Chatterjee. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music and School broadcasts. 2-30 Musical Prelude. 2-35 Marathi Literature, talk. 2-50 Marathi Bhavgeets. 3 Geography talk. 5 Music from the movies. 5-15 Ghazals. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 In Gujarati. 5-35 Prem Geets. 5-50 Marathi Pad. 6 News in English. 6-5 In Hindustani. 6-10 Master Dina. 6 25 P. N. Dewoolkar. 6-45 Gopal Singh. 7 Manohar Kapur. 7-15 Narottamdas. 7-20 P. N. Dewoolkar. 7-40 Picked from the pictures. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 In Gujarati. 8-25 Tomorrow. 8 50 World Affairs (relay from B B C). 8-45 Gopal Singh. 8 55 Talk of the Town. 9 and 9-20 News relay from Delhi followed by relay of B B C news. 9-45 R. Ramnathkar. 10 Manohar Kapur. 10-15 Mu lisathi Mulacha Bali, Marathi sketch. 10-30 Late news.

Bombay—II Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-25 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-25 Gopal Singh. 8-40 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Hirabai Barodekar. 12-30 p.m. to 3-15 As in Bombay 1.

51.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-10 As in Bombay 1. 6-10 The Water Cups. 6 20 G. M. Durrani. 6-35 Twilight melodies. 6-50 R. Rasmathkar 7 A Provincial Lady Speaks, 6. talk in Marathi. 7-15 Ustad Jhande Khan's Compositions. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Readings from Gujarati Books. 7-55 to 8-25 As in Bombay 1 8-25 Hirabai Barodekar 8-55 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 9-35 Julia Wortmann. 9-45 Mischa Elman; Violin. 9-55 Leo D'Souza; Tenor. 10 5 The Orchestra of the State Opera House 10-15 Emmi Marcus: Pianoforte. 10-30 Late news.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

5 p.m. For Countryside. 5-45 For Country side (Contd.) 6-10 Birendra Nath Biswas. 6-30 Ashalata Roy. 6 50 Gupta Dhan, a feature play. 8-5 A short story. 8-20 Shyam Ganguli, Sarod solo. 8-40 News relay from Delhi. 9-45 Songs of the British Isles.

Calcutta II—Programme

51.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

8 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9 30 Haridass Bannerjee. 9-50 For Assamese Listeners.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Children's Educational Broadcasts. 4-30 European programme. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Shrimati Alamelu Govindarajan: Voice. 5-35 A I R Flautist: Light melody. 5-5 Telugu drama. 6-25 V. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar. 7 The Press talk in Tamil. 7-15 Announcements. 7-50 Kunnakkudi Venkatarama Iyer: Voice. 8-30 V. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar. 9 Frog in the Well, 4 talk. 9-45 Denzil Ludowyk. 10 15 Choral Music from St. Thomas' Church.

411 metres (730 kc/s)

8-30 p.m. Tarabai Terdal of Hubli—Classical and popular music. 6 to 6-30 p.m. For Children (Urdu). Music. 6-30 Orchestra—'Naghma'. 6-40 A. Rasheed Khan—Music. 7-10 'Advantages of Physics' by Dr. Kameswar Rao. 7 25 Tarabai Terdal—Music. 7-45 A. Rasheed Khan—Thumri. 8-45 Tarabai Terdal—Music. 9-05 A. R. Khan—Music. 9-30 Tarabai Terdal—Music.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

5-10 p.m. Tarabai of Cawnpore. 5 30 R. K. Patwardhan. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Tarabai 7-15 Feature Poems. 7-33 R. K. Patwardhan. 7-45 Ram Bharose, a play in Hindustani. 8-15 A programme for women. 9 and 9-20 News relay from Delhi. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 R. K. Patwardhan 10 Munshiji, 3, a humorous sketch. 10 15 Tarabai.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

	H. M.	H. M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 40	20 10
Madras Mail	9 00	22 00
Peshawar Lucknow (Express)	6 15	23 30
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9 10	17 40
Madras Express	10 15	14 25
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12 35	17 20
Nagpur Express	15 0	20 55
Poona Fast Pass	15 50	11 50
Poona Express	19 35	8 05
Allahabad Express	21 0	6 15
Deccan Queen (on Fridays only)		17 15
Deccan Queen (on Mondays only)	10 35	

(N.B.—Deccan Queen as regular week-end service is discontinued upto 30-4-1940, but it will be run only before and after important holidays.)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

	Arr. H. M.	Dep H. M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	7 25	23 00
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21 30
Kathiawar Mail	6 45	21
Frontier Mail	8 15	21 15
	(Mon).	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 -	-
The Flying Ranee Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	23 30
Kathiawr Express	18 45	3 45
*If Monday is a Bank Holiday train will run on Tuesday		this

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only for London)	8.40

Professional Support On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

BOMBAY BUYING DISTANT MONTHS

Long Liquidation And Hedging

Bombay, December 6

The New York cotton market advanced in sympathy with Bombay cables with leading Spot Houses active sellers of October against purchases of March, while the Chicago grains market declined under realising, impaired technical position and the advance in British Government freight rates. Later prices recovered on forecast of continued fair weather in important districts of the West and South-West.

The market opened steady on Monday and advanced further on Bombay buying of distants. Trade and Wall Street buying absorbed long liquidation and hedging. Prices later reacted in response to the late easiness of Liverpool but met renewed price-fixing and professional support.

At the opening December was quoted at a rise of 6 points at 10.15 which was the highest level but within first fourteen minutes prices reached the low level of the day and December was quoted 10.04. Thereafter business was confined to narrow range and finally the market closed at a rise of 4 points to a decline of 10 points in October. Spot cotton prices advanced 3 points at 10.31c. per lb.

It is said that Texas cotton growers have repossessed some loan cotton from the Government and there is little ease in the freight situation. This may lead to larger exports of cotton and port stocks of cotton will be reduced to some extent.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and with a limited turn over closed at a rise of 1 to 3 points. Spot cotton prices remained unchanged at 9.97c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a rise of 9 points with January 7.92. There was speculative buying on freight difficulties and strength of Bombay and trade calling which met some hedging and profit-taking. Prices declined on American hedge selling and scattered realising. Demand was limited. Finally trade calling appeared. The market closed at a decline of 8 to 9 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices declined 3 points at 7.92d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton market was quietly steady. Uppers futures closed 1 to 2 points up with Spot cotton 6 points higher at 9.57. Giza futures gained 1 to 10 points. The Alexandria cotton market was steady with moderate buying. Sakels futures rose 8 to 9 points and Ashmouni Contracts advanced 17 to 29 points.

PRIVATE CABLES:—

New York December highest (10 a.m.)	10.15+05
New York December lowest (10-14 a.m.)	10.04—05
Liverpool January highest	7.62+09
Liverpool January lowest	7.40—15

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from New York Cotton Exchange Service:—

Government production goal 1940 twelve million, most growers expected co-operate, shipping situation slightly easier but peak rates maintained, cloths slow, business steady, commodities unchanged.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Increased hedging July October. Some repossession loan cotton reported Texas. Trade good buyers March.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts

	New York, December 4
DECEMBER	10.32+03
JANUARY	10.08—16
MARCH	10.07+02
MAY	9.75—05
JULY	9.43—05
OCTOBER	8.82—10

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, December 4
December	10.12+03
January	10.08+04
March	9.87+03
May	9.56—03
July	9.23—04
October	8.82—10
Middling Spot	10.31+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, December 4
December	10.20+01
January	10.16+03
March	9.97+02
Middling Spot	9.97

NEW YORK

New York, December 4
11 a.m. rates Noon call

December	10.11/10.11	10.11
March	9.87/9.86	9.87
May	9.59/9.59	9.58

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, December 4

	Bales.
Day's receipt at all S Ports	28,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	1,000
Day's exports to the Continent	27,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	19,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, December 4

December	7.46—09
January	7.45—08
February	7.44—08
March	7.44—08
April	7.42—08
May	7.40—08
June	7.38—08
July	7.35—06
August	7.29—05
September	7.22—11
October	7.16—11
November	7.14—10
December	7.14—09
Middling Spot	7.92—03
	11-12 a.m. quotations
January	7 68
March	7.57

GREATER EFFICIENCY NECESSARY IN GIRLS' EDUCATION

Appeal To Holkar Govt. To Make Investigations

The annual meeting of the Indore Branch of the All-India Women's Conference was held in the King Edward Hall on December 1. Her Highness Maharani Indira Bai Ma Sahiba, presided, and gave an address which was marked by sympathetic understanding of the work of the Conference. Princess Savitri Bai Sahiba, the President of the Branch, was also on the dais, and put to the vote of the meeting the various resolutions which were proposed by members.

These resolutions dealt with a variety of topics. Two were concerned with developing a higher standard and greater efficiency in girls' education. Another aimed at bringing School children of privileged groups into sympatnetic contact with under-privileged classes. It was also resolved that when a minor girl is married the difference of age between her and the bridegroom should not be more than 12 years.

SUPERVISION NECESSARY

Consideration was also given to private institutions of a charitable nature for girls. It was agreed that some supervision of such places was advisable, and the Government of H. H. The Maharaja Holkar was requested to make necessary investigations with a view to suppressing those that are maintained by resigning persons to serve their selfish interests. The meeting also heartily endorsed all the social reform legislation regarding the status and rights of women which is pending in the Central and Provincial Legislatures of India.

The large audience of women completely filled the Hall and evinced a keen interest in the proceedings. The announcement of a generous donation by Her Highness Maharani Indira Bai Ma Sahiba to the funds of the Local Branch was received with warm appreciation.

KARACHI, Dec. 4

In pursuance of the Government notification, lights in the entire city of Karachi, Cantonment and Harbour areas have been shaded so much so that they are hardly visible from a distance of 10 feet. From above they cannot be noticed. Similarly cinema, shop and factory lights have been controlled. Restrictions have been applied to headlights of motor vehicles also.—United Press.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, December 6

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 to 177 and Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 to 4.04 at London and 3.89 7/8 at New York. London Spot silver price was unchanged at 23 1/2d. and forward quotation was raised 1/16d. at 23 11/16d. India bought and business was small. The market was quietly steady. New York silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents per ounce and Shanghai T T on London quoted 4 1/2d. London Bombay Spot silver parity is Rs. 61-11 and forward is Rs. 62-1-9. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 36-14-0.

Yesterday Indian dealers bought about 9,000 bars and they were given delivery. This eased the situation and silver opened to-day at Rs. 65 as expected and declined to Rs. 64/2 on increased selling pressure. Later on there was scattered buying and prices rallied to Rs. 64/8. Owing to weakness in Sterling, there was active demand for gold and banks were reported free buyers which hardened prices

Later on there was increased general selling and silver declined to Rs. 63/4 and steadied at Rs. 63/8. Quotations were as under:—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 42 4 0	64 12 0
Magsar	42 6 0	63 8 0
Posh	42 8 0	64 12 0

DECLINE IN COTTON PRICES

Broach A|M delivery after declining to Rs. 286|8 now quotes at Rs. 288.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, December 4

Sakel January	17.28+08
Sakel March	17.07+09
Giza January	15.45+09
Giza March	15.71+09
Ashmouni December	14.42+95
Ashmouni February	14.62+29

COTTON PARITY

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 66 points.

Broach A/M above New York May 175 points.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, December 4

Broach A/M highest 301 lowest 291 closing at 5-30 p.m. 298

Oomra D/J highest 262 lowest 254 closing at 5 30 p.m. 261 1/2

Oomra March highest 266 lowest 257 closing at 6-30 p.m. 264

Bengal D/J highest 214 lowest 207 closing at 5-30 p.m .212

Bengal March highest 216 lowest 210 closing at 5-30 p.m. 214

Night session: Broach A/M opened Rs. 295, highest Rs. 297 1/2, lowest Rs. 291, closed Rs. 293 1/2.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, December 4

UPPERS:—	
Spot	8.57+6
January	8.24+3
March	8.29—0
May	8.36+1
July	8.40+2
October	8.20+2
GIZA NO. 2:—	
Spot	8.89—2
January	8.50—1
March	8.66+1
May	8.81+7
July	8.90+10
October	8.84+10

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, December 5

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P	217	214	211		208
M G Punjab	217	214	213		208
M G Oomra No. 5	265	262	259		256
M G C P No. 1	277	274	271		268
M G C P No 6	272	269	266		263

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 5.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-12
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes (Cash) 97-14
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-12
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1963/65 86-2
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-4.
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-10
4 per cent 1960/70 101-10
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 106-4
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan 102-2

TAXFREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-11
4 per cent 1953/62 Mysore Loan 103/1
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 114

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 97
6 per cent M Deb 1959 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K P T 1965 116

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, December 5

B C RATES—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 March

LONDON—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/6 31/32 Two months.
Bank's selling T T D D 1/6 to end March.
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months.

NEW YORK—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 328
Bank's buying D D 327

PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1390
Bank's buying T T 1340

JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T 61 3/8
Bank's buying T T 80 3/8
Bank's buying 60 days 79 3/8

AMSTERDAM—
Bank's selling D D 35 1/4

JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 84 7/8

HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 84 1/4

SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 27

SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 157 8/4

BERLIN—
Bank's selling D D .....

CROSS RATE
Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 5th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 5/8 5th inst.
Japan London 1/2 7/16 5th inst.
Java London 7.46/56 5th inst.
New York London 3.89 7/8 4th inst.
London New York 4.05/4 4th inst.
London Paris 176/7 4th inst.
London Italy 76.75 4th inst.
London Belgium 24.15/40 4th inst.
London Switzerland 17.80/95 4th inst.
London Stockholm 16.70/90 4th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.52/58 4th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 2nd inst.
Gold £8-8 0 4th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 1/2 2nd inst.
Silver London Ready 23 1/2 4th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 5/8 2nd inst.
Silver London Forward 23 11/16 4th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 2nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 4th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 2nd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 4th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 2nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 4th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 months 2 per cent
Tone:—Steady

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, December 5

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:		
Ready (small grain)	Rs.	90 12 0
Ready (large grain)		90 14 0
Shipment November F B H		11 7 0
Shipment December F B H		11 15 0
Shipment Jan-Feb March F B H		11 13 0
Indian sugars ready		25 4 0
	to	26 8 0

Tone: Quiet.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, December 5

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 90 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 105 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, December 5

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs. 126 0 0
Pepper ready Calicut per candy	124 0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy	125 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy	131 0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt	14 8 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt	24 0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt	29 0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt	31 0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt	32 0 0

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, December 5

Bengal Fine 214 15 December +3 1/2 January +3

Punjab Fine 216-18 December +4 January +5 1/2

C P 1 272-78 December +15 January +12

C P 2 262-63 December +7 January +6

Berar 260-61 December +4 January +3

Khandesh 246-51 December —7 January —20

Jalna Sailu 246-49

Ahmednagar 244-48

Broach February +2 1/2

Punjab 4 F December +22/25

Punjab 289 F December +65/80

Sindh N T 335-41 December +42/48

American Cotton Figures

F F Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 4-12-39	3965000	2748000
Receipts yesterday 4-12-39	38000	27000
Exports to date 4-12 39	2483000	1705000
Stock at Ports 1-12-39	3152000	3147000
Stock at Interior Towns 1-12-39	3531000	3504000
Stock at Liverpool 1-12-39	....	.....
Visible Supply 1-12-39	....	6998000
Quantity in sight 1-12-39	6117000	6601000
Quantity out of sight 1-12-39	....	4328000

LONDON SILLVER

London, December 4

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 11/16

LONDON GOLD

London, December 4

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, December 4

T T London on:—New York 4.02/4.04; Paris 176/177; Madrid 38.60; Montreal 4.43/4.47; Amsterdam 7.52/7.58; Brussels 24.15/24.40; Milan 76.75; Berne 17.80/17.95; Copenhagen 20.16; Stockholm 16.70/16.90; Oslo 17.80/17.70

Further Rise In Shares

INCREASED REALISING AFTER EARLY FIRMNESS

Market Entitled To Natural Reaction

Bombay, December 4

While the main trend of prices remains upward, it appears that the market is now entitled to a temporary setback after the present steep rise. The upward trend continues with increased buying at every new high level but in this process the market is getting overbought and weakens the technical situation of the market to some extent. This does not mean any material decline in prices but if the upward trend is to be continued keeping healthy state, we ought to have a temporary pause and a natural reaction.

For the last eight days we have advances day after day and daily new high levels are being reached and Tata Steel Defd. shares are now about to reach the highest price of Rs 2290 reached on the 17th March 1937. This was the highest price ever reached by this share. In 1937 there was famine of pig iron as a result of huge armament programme but the position of the Company has materially improved since then and all arrears of dividends are completely wiped off at present. Thus all profits will now be available to holders of Defds and Ordinary shares and with continuation of war in Europe, it appears that new high levels will be reached in due course. Cotton Mill shares have already crossed peak levels of 1937 when Bombay Dyeings reached the maximum price of Rs. 1151.

The Wall Street market is steel perplexing by European developments with buyers timid owing to uncertainties with regard to them, while sellers were cautious in view of favourable United States business news. However, with stimulus lacking and feeble rallies meeting cool reception, the market slowly drifted down fractionally but closed steady. Steels were narrow. The publication "Steel" says that the reaffirmation of prices for the next first quarter has little affected demand. Steel activity declined from 94.4 per cent in the previous week to 92.8 per cent this week. U. S. Steel shares improved 1/8 at 65 7/8. Anaconda Copper shares declined 1/2 at 30 1/4 and General Motors closed unchanged at 52 3/4 dollars.

The decision of the Bombay Government not to proceed with the Sales Tax on manufactured cloth which was authorised by the Bombay Sales Tax Act of 1939, was the chief source of stimulant to-day with active and impressive buying for Cotton Mill shares. The Government decision has now removed all uncertainties and operators believe that the textile industry will be able to give a most satisfactory account. Buyers are confident and look for considerably higher levels reached during the last World war. Tata Steel shares also gradually hardened with scattered buying and professional support. There is some investment support and in due course, profits made in other markets will be utilised in purchases of industrial shares.

The market was strong throughout the session but towards the close there was some unfounded rumour of peace which influenced heavy realising and a portion of the rise attained was lost. The market being overbought naturally weakened quickly and the tone of the market was barely steady.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened to-day at Rs. 2150 and after advancing to Rs. 2220 reacted to Rs. 2182/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 414 and after improving to Rs. 423 closed at Rs. 416/8. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1182/8 and after reaching the high level of Rs. 1217/8 declined to Rs. 1196. Century shares closed at Rs. 398 and Central Indias at Rs. 384. Kohinoors and New Greats improved to Rs. 425 and Rs. 495 respectively. Associated Cements closed at Rs. 156/8. Bombay Burmas gained Rs. 10 at Rs. 722/8.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, December 5

Bombay Dyeing (1177/8) 1185 1207 1195 1215 1192 1187 1195

Century (381) 380 389 402 391 401 398

Central India (374) 378 384 381 388 390 383

Kohinoor (410) 414 427 423 433 425

New Great (452) 465 485 479 492 488 500 490 495

Simplex (131) 134/8 136 135/8

Swadeshi (360) 358 366 360 370 360 364

Associated Cement (150) 151 152 154 152 150/8

Andhra (1500) 1505

Tram Ord (135/8) 136 135/8

Tata Hydro (157/8) 157 160/8

Tata Power (1380) 1385 1395 1390

Tata Steel Defd (2147/8) 2150 2190 2172 2180 2175 2215 2175 2185 2178 2182

Tata Steel Ord (414) 415 419 417 419 418 423 419 422 416 418 415 416/8

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (134) 134/8 135/8

Bellapur (278) 282 285 283 286 285

B Steam (338) 338

B Burma (712/8) 720 725 723 735 725 727 721 732

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Dec. 5.

100 Ahd. Advance	...	347 5
250 BOM. DYEING	...	1195 0
100 CENTURY	.....	398 0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	.....	383 0
100 COLABA	.....	237 0
100 Coorla	.....	136 4
250 David	.....	60 0
250 Dawn	.....	310 0
1 E. D. Sassoon Def.	.....	0-13-9
100 Finlay	.....	191 0
100 GOKAK	.....	239 0
1000 Hindustan	.....	2100 0
100 Indore	.....	60 0
100 Khatau	.....	156 0
100 KOHINOOR	.....	426 0
250 Laxmi	.....	655 0
250 Madras United	.....	25 0
100 MORARJI	.....	224 0
250 Model	.....	101 8
50 MYSORE	.....	138 0
200 NEW GREAT	.....	495 0
100 Oosmanshahi	.....	51 0
100 PHOENIX	.....	322 0
25 Sassoon Silk	.....	91 8
1000 Sholapur	.....	4025 0
50 SIMPLEX	.....	133 8
100 SWADESHI	.....	364 0
100 SWAN	.....	184 0
500 Vishnu	.....	1475 0
500 Western	.....	915 0

BANKS

50-100 Baroda	...	97 4
25-100 Central	.....	32 2
500 Imperial	.....	1465 0
125-500 Imp. Conty.	.....	358 4
50-100 India	.....	135 0
100 Reserve Bank	.....	102 8
5 Union	.....	5-7-6

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED	...	156 8

INSURANCE

100 Empire	.....	625 0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	9 10
20 Mercantile	.....	50 0
15-75 New India	.....	33 12
200 Oriental	...	3920 0
15-50 Vulcan	.....	6 12

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmed. Old	.....	140 0
1000 ADHRA VALLEY	.....	1505 0
10 Ajmer	.....	11 0
50 BOMBAY TRAM	.....	135 8
100 Bombay Suburban	.....	165 0
10 Broach	.....	11 8
100 Karachi	.....	191 4
100 Poona	.....	183 3
100 Surat	.....	152 0
100 TATA HLDRO	.....	160 8
100 TATA HYDRO	.....	160 8

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantij	...	987 8
100 C. Province	.....	98 0
100 Dh. Baramati	.....	83 0
100 Gujarat	.....	97 0
100 Mandra Bhon	.....	93 0
100 Pachora Jamner	.....	73 0
100 Saro Sirajgan	.....	97 0
500 Tapti Valley	.....	792 0

MINING

3 Burma Corp.	.....	3 1
2sh. Indian Copper	.....	3 1
10 Indian Iron and Steel	.....	48 0
10 SHIVRAJPUR	.....	61 0
30 TATA STEEL DEF.	2182 8	
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	416 8	

MISCELLANEOUS

100 ALCOCK	.....	600 0
10 Air Services	.....	6 0
30 BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	283 8
200 Bombay Safe Dep.	.....	591 4
250 BOMBAY STEAM	.....	340 0
125 B. BURMA	.....	722 8
50 B. BURMA CONTY	.....	240 0
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	.....	0-15-6
50 BOMBAY TELEPHONE	.....	80 8
100 IND. BLEACHING	.....	147 0
50 Ind. Invest Trust	.....	47 8
100 Ind. Radio Def.	.....	400 0
100 I. Radio Ord	.....	405 0
30 Port Canning	.....	79 8
30 PREMIER CON	.....	92 0
15 Scindia	.....	27 12

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON ONE POINT DOWN

Reaction In Cotton And Silver

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY STEADY

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK

COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940.

New York: December 5.

Previous closing	9.87
To-day's opening	9.86
Difference	—1
To-day's closing	9.86
Difference	—1

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940.

Liverpool: December 5.

Previous closing	7.44
To-day's opening	7.41
Difference	—3
To-day's closing	7.44
Difference	Nil.

Broach April/May Expectation .... Rs. 285.

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York: December 5.

The New York cotton market was moderately active on scattered local support, but the incentive was lacking in absence of definite developments in European situation.

The trading in March began at 9.86, i. e. one point lower than the last closing. Prices declined a little under scattered liquidation and outside selling, but thereafter trade buying and covering appeared under which March rallied to 9.89.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay: December 5.

Broach April/May opened to-night at Rs. 283 and improved to Rs. 284, but declined on heavy selling pressure to Rs. 277. The market closed at Rs. 282/8.

The rate sharply advanced to Rs 290 at 12 midnight.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: December 5.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

December (10.15/10.14) 10.12/10.12
March (9.88/9.88) 9.86/9.86
May (9.62/9.61) 9.55/9.55

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: December 5.

Dundee December (£59) £59
Lightning December (£56) £56

SEEDS

Castorseeds December January (£22 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta December January (£22 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December January (£14 1/3 quoted) £15 1/3 quoted.
Groundnuts Coromandal December January (£14 1/3 quoted) £14 1/3 quoted

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: December 5.

American January (7.56) 7.55
American March (7.56) 7.54
Giza January (8.59) 8.60
Giza March (8.75) 8.77

RUBBER

Spot (11 3/8 paid and value) 11 5/16 paid and buyers.
Forward January March (11 3/8 paid and value) 11 3/8 paid and value.

METALS

Tin (£230 quiet) £230 quoted
Glasgow Iron (111 sh.) 111 sh

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: December 5.

Previous closing	3.89 7/8
To-day's opening	3.89 7/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: December 5.

Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To-day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: December 5.

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To-day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: December 5.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1/6) 1/6
Paris on Bombay (13.23 3/4) 13.23 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.16) 30.16
London on Milan (75.75) 76.75
London on Shanghai (0/4 1/4 buyers; 0/4 5/6 sellers) 0/4 3/8 buyers; 0/4 3/4 sellers.
London on Kobe (1/2 7/16 buyers; 1/2 17/32 sellers) 1/2 7/16 buyers; 1/2 17/32 sellers.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 3/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 3/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 5/16 per cent) 1 5/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 1 to 1 5/8 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: December 5.

Wheat January	4 10 0
Wheat May	5 1 6
Linseed May	9 7 6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: December 5.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 53) dol 53 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 30 1/4 ex-div) dol 30 1/4
U S Steel Common New York (dol 65 7/8) dol 66 3/8
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 3/8d.
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: December 5.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:

Little speculative selling. Market quietly steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 5.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 3/8d —1/8
Forward (23 11/16d) 23 9/16d —1/8

LONDON GOLD

London: December 5.

Gold Bare Fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay: December 5.

Silver Ready	63 8 0
Silver Magshar	63 12 0
Silver Posh	64 12 0

The rate for Magshar rose to Rs. 64/12 at 12 midnight.

Gold Ready	41 14 0
Gold Magshar	42 0 0
Gold Posh	42 4 0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Strong And Active Trading In All Sections

Calcutta: December 5.

Firmer conditions prevailed in almost all sections of the market to-day on account of the strong outside buying support and a large volume of transactions was reported. Coals, Teas, Cottons, Sugars, Engineerings and Paper issues—all represent very, very strong and active market while Jutes were slightly easier on profit-taking.

Government securities also ruled steady, but the business transacted was somewhat restricted.

The following are the closing quotations:

Government securities: 3 per cent Paper 98 s l; 3 1/2 per cent Paper 87/12; 5 per cent Loan (1940/43) 102 s o l; 3 per cent U P Bonds (1944) 105/9 s l.

Banks: Reserve 105.

Cottons: Bengal/Nagpur 20/8; Cawnpore Textiles 7/10; Dunbar 255/8; Elgin 168; Keoram 9/2; Muir Mills 352; New Victoria Ord 2; Swadeshi Cotton (6 per cent Pref) 130

Coals: Amalgamated 30/6; Bansra 6/8; Bengal 432/8; Bhalgora 8/4; Bokaro and Ramgur 31; Burra Dhemo 7/7; Burakur 15/10; Central Kurkend 18/12; Churulia 2/12; Deoli 12/6; Dhemo Main 20; Equitable 41/12; Katras Jherriah 34/10; Mundulpoor 13/4; New Beerbhum 22/14; North Damuda 8; Ranee gunge 33/12; Rewa 30/4; Seebpore 26/4; Prem West Jamuria 36.

Jutes: Adamjee 26/10; Agarpara 28/10; Pref 125; Anglo-India 462/8 s l; Auckland 253 s l; Barnagore 157/8; Budgebudge 405 e t; Champdany 211/8; Clive 32/4; Hukumchand 10/2; Pref 97 s l; National 38/2 s l; Nuddea 76/8; Orient 236 s l; Presidency 7/8; Waverley 3/7.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 8/14; Consolidated Tin 5/14; Indian Copper 3; Rhodesia Copper 2; Kananpura Development 12/12; Tavoy Tin 2/8; Dalmia Cement Ord 10/12; Britannia Building and Iron 12/2; Britannia Eng. 13/12 s l; Hukumchand Steel Ord 10/14; Defd. 3/6; Indian Iron and Steel 47/3; Indian Malleable Casting Ord 11/8; Defd 3/7; Indian St. Wagon Ord 66; Indian Steel and Wire Products Ord 59/8; Defd 80/8; Kumardhubi Eng. Ord 6/15; National Iron and Steel 8/6; Steel Corporation Ord 26/15; Pref 101 ex-div; B I Corporation Ord 5/2; Rohtas Industries Ord 24/12; British Burma Petro 6/13; Indo-Burma Petro Pref 116/12; India Paper Pulp 178; Mysore Paper 17/4; Orient Paper 10/9; Sreegopal Paper 9/14; Star Paper 9; Titaghur Paper Prefd Ordy 4/15; 'A' and 'B' Ordy 29/10; Midnapore Zemindary 92; Balrampore 12/8; Carew and Co 16/7; Murree Brewery 15/15; Raza 17/6; Samastipore 10/12.

Teas: Bishnauth 28/8; Dufflaghur 13/12; Hattikhira 23/8; Jutlibari 19/8.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

Karachi: December 5.

Following are to-day's closing quotations. Cotton Sind Jan. 29/4/3, Punjab Jan. 21/6/5, Desi American Jan. 30/4/3. Sellers Wheat Jan. 33/5; March 34/1/5; July 35/3/3. Sellers Gram Jan. 39/2; July 38/2 Toria Feb. 39/13/6; March 51/3/6. Cottonseeds Jan. 25/5/6; March 25/0/9.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

Prices Firm

Ahmedabad: December 5.

Following are the closing quotations of the Share Bazar of 5th:—

Ambika 306; Calico 796; Jubilee 308/8; Jupiter 140; Motilal Hirabhai 43; Marsden 133; Monograme 87; Ordinary 417.

SHIPPING NEWS

EXPORTS

Bombay, December 5

65 bales hemp H K Kesharwalla; 17 bales win rags Chimanlal Sarabhai and Co; 20 bs win carpet waste Chimanlal Sarabhai and Co; 45 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 340 bales cotton waste oily Champaklal and Co; 1344 bags linseed cake exp K Prasad and Co Ltd; 360 bales cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 92 bales cotton twist waste M Chandulal and Co; 325 bales cotton twist waste M Champaklal & Co, 117 bls ctn. fly M Champaklal and Co, 20 bales cotton grey yarn Parri Sons and Co; 55 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 73 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 259 bales raw cotton N Futehally and Co; 465 bales raw cotton Chachaty and Thackersey Ltd; 72 bales raw cotton C Devji Thaker; 100 bales raw cotton Kotak and Co; 5896 bags crushed bone The Fazalbhai Ibrahim and Co Ltd; 16 casks condiments M Poonjajee and Sons; 3666 bags groundnut oil cakes exp M Bhuta and Co; 30 bales wool raw F Janmahomed; 1100 bags linseed cakes P Haridas Co; 200 bales cotton grey piecegoods K Virji and Co; 141 bales raw wool M Nissim; 55 bales raw cotton M M Shah.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 5.

365 rolls cotton tyre fabric; 230 packages radio sets and parts; 60 pieces iron pipes; 51 bundles iron pipes; 3859 bags carbon black; 448 rolls tyre wrapping paper; 1178 bundles Hickory squares; 151 bundles Hickory lumber; 111 ctns empty glass bottles; 491 ctns milk of magnesia; 102 ctns toothpaste; 8985 bundles steel hoops; 39 bags scrap leather; 2304 reels galvanised barbed wire; 119 cases medicines; 197 rolls printing paper; 440 bales old newspapers; 100 paper sacks waterproofing compound; 560 crates pottery insulations; 43 cases typewriters; 31 cases ink; 1444 loose rubber tyres; 79 packages auto parts; 60 drums gum rosin; 85 barrels wood rosin; 40 bundles hurricane lanterns; 85 bundles leather belting; 64 rolls cord tyre fabric; 46 pieces tyre flaps; 146 packages machinery; 7191 bags sulphur; 32 bundles auto springs and leaves; 271 drums solid asphalt; 4650 boxes tin plates; 200 rolls roofing; 40 drums bichromate of soda crystals; 891 bags gum; 1025 bags poppyseed; 163 bags dar seed; 435 bundles scrap steel sheets; 1930 bundles scrap steel sheet cuttings; 80 boxes wet dates; 4969 bags copra; 66 ctns pomegranates; 105 bags raisins; 667 dry dates; 1513 bales cotton.

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London: December 5.

3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan closed today at £81 1/4 Ex Div.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: December 5.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£92 1/4) £92 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/4) £81 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£103 1/4) £103 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£104) £104
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£100) £100
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£94) £94

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£102 1/2) £102 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

3 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 7/8) £67 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£93) £93
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 5/8) £100 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£105 5/8) £105 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£92 3/8) £92 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/4) £105 1/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-1 1/2) 51 9
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/8) dol 3 1/4
Elec Music Industry (7-3) 7-1 1/2
Pritchin Johnson (19-10 1/2) 19-10 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-6) 30-1 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61 0) 60-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£25 1/2) £26
Dunlop Rubber (27-9) 27-3
Unilever Ordinary (29-9) 30-4 1/2
Ford Motors (14-0) 14-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£53 1/4) £54 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-10 1/2) 91-3
Carreas 'A' (£5 5/8 ex-div) £5 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (116-3) 116-3
P and O Def (22-0) 22
Distillers (65 0) 65-4 1/2
Bredfords Dye (4-7 1/2) 4-9
British Celanese (6-6) 6-7 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (28-6) 28-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (33-3) 33-6
Fine Cotton Spinners (4-9) 4-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary (16-6) 16-6
Inter Nickel (47 1/4 ex-div) 47
Indian Iron (66-3) 66 10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (32-6) 32 6
Empire of India (22 6) 22-9

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/2 ex-div) £11 3/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (27-9) 27-9
Gula Kelampong (21-6) 20-7 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (32-9) 32-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (31-10 1/2) 31-10 1/2
Burma Corporation (12-1 1/2) 12-4 1/2
Rio Tintos (£13 3/4) £14
East Rand Properties (46 3) 46-3
Rand Mines (£7) £7

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14) £14
Associated Portland Cement (67-6) 67-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (76-3) 76-3
Sub Nigel (£10) £10
Spring Mines Split Shares (24-4 1/2) 24 4 1/2
Union Corporation (£6 5/8) £6 5/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2 ex-div) 23-1 1/2
Anglo-Persian (57-6) 56-3
Burma Oil (60 7 1/2) 61-10 1/2
Mexican Eagle (6-6) 6-7 1/2
Shell Transport (81-3) 80-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£31 3/4) £31 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£30 3/4) £30 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£11 1/8) £11 1/8
London North Eastern Def. (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£10 7/8) £10 7/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£65) £65

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 1st day of December, 1939.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	11,52,31,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	211,67,00,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	10,28,30,000
Total Notes issued	233,27,61,000
Total Liabilities	233,27,61,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 54.405 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	41,54,48,000
(b) Held outside India	2,86,98,000
Sterling Securities	82,50,11,000
Total of A	126,91,57,000
B. Rupee Coin	69,03,01,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	37,33,03,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	....
Total Assets	233,27,61,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 1st December, 1939.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt of India	6,12,96,000
(2) Government of Burma	3,12,61,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	5,70,96,000
(b) Banks	19,23,13,000
(c) Others	79,89,000
Bills Payable	11,42,000
Other Liabilities	2,60,76,000
Rupees	46,71,73,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	11,30,31,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	2,00,000
Rupee Coin	5,03,000
Subsidiary Coin	5,54,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	....
(b) External	....
(c) Government Treasury Bills	4,59,99,000
Balances held abroad*	16,57,21,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	3,62,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	50,000
Investments	6,92,74,000
Other Assets	3,55,41,000
Rupees	46,71,73,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, December 5

Yarn No. 6 1/2s	December 145	February 147	April 150
Yarn No. 10 1/2s	December 168	February 170	April 173
Yarn No. 20 1/2s	December 208	February 212	April 216
Yarn No. 40s	December 285	February 295	April 287

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 30th Nov

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	1,668	20,943	45,243
Japan and China	2,100	197,114	273,073
Coast Ports		6,690	10,438
Up-country by Rail		96,959	79,933
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		6,301	2,704
Total	3,768	328,007	411,391

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, December 5

Following a rise of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened today at Rs. 296/8 for Broach A/M delivery and there being absence of buying prices declined to Rs. 291/8 under increased realising. Later on there was scattered support and prices rallied to Rs. 292/8. The tone of the market was barely steady.

Later on there was increased selling pressure and prices eased off to Rs. 286/8. At this level there was scattered buying and prices rallied to Rs. 288 To-day some professional operators were liquidating and prices after declining to Rs. 285 steadied at Rs. 286. Liverpool market opened at a decline of 4 points. The local market was quiet. Quotations at 5 p.m. were as under:

Later on there was active selling and prices slumped to Rs. 280/8 on heavy selling by Calcutta operators. The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G:—			
Broach A/M	Rs.	280	8 0
Fine M G:—			
Oomra D/J		247	8 0
Oomra March		250	4 0
F G M G:—			
Bengal D/J		273	0 0
Bengal March		206	0 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, December 5

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales

2 days.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	166	4,617	5,021
Central India	44	8,403	39,285
Barsi and Nagar	711	22,300	6,737
Hyderabad Gaorani	373	2,960	336
Berar	2,789	29,252	22,493
Central Provinces	304	7,301	12,594
Total Oomras	4,387	74,833	86,466
Dholera	176	6,345	42,755
N W Provinces	148	14,686	362
Rajputana	244	5,980	5,186
Sind Punjab	1,182	103,989	58,035
Broach	66	199	11,408
Coompta and Dharwar		12,246	10,198
Westerns Northerns	134	10,003	8,063
Cocoanada			1
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		35	1,685
American		128	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	3,338	106,121	107,252
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,247	6
Total	9,615	336,002	331,927
Arrived by road to 30th November 1939		27,500	

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 5th December 1939. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,15,00,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-8-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-8-0 allotted approximately 86 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 1-15 11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 12th December 1939. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 15th December 1939. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 1st December 1939, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,05,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' intermediates will be sold from 6th December 1939 to 11th December 1939 at Rs. 99-8-3 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' intermediates sold from 29th November 1939 to 4th December 1939 amounted to Rs. 91,50,000.

THREE YEARS' JAIL AND FINE OF Rs. 10,000

Charge Of Bribery Against Bannu Pleader

BANNU, Dec. 5.

The curtain was rung down today on the long drawn bribery case in the Assistant Commissioner's court, D. I. Khan, against Mr. Pyarelal Bhatia, Pleader. The court sentenced the accused to three years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000.

According to the prosecution the accused was appointed Commissioner to go into the accounts of rendition of accounts of certain parties of which cross cases were going on between Mr. R. B. Richiram, Contractor, Bannu and Mr. R. B. Ruchiram, Contractor of D. I. Khan in the Senior Sessions Judge's Court, D. I. Khan in 1935. It was further alleged that Rs. 30,000 were received from Mr. R. B. Ruchiram of D. I. Khan by the accused who did not give an Award in the former's favour.

On representation from local lawyers for an enquiry the local Government took action and lodged a complaint which resulted in the present conviction.—United Press.

Pope To Broadcast

THE VATICAN CITY, Dec. 5.

It is announced that His Holiness the Pope will broadcast a Benediction to the world on Friday.—Reuter.

Late Princess Louise

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Both Houses of Parliament have agreed to present an address to the King expressing sympathy and condolence in the death of Princess Louise.

The Prime Minister in the House of Commons said that throughout her long life the Princess maintained those high standards they always looked for from members of the Royal family.

Both Mr. Attlee on behalf of Labour Opposition and Sir Archibald Sinclair, Leader of the Liberals, associated themselves with Mr. Chamberlain's tributes to Princess Louise.

The Court will wear mourning for two weeks for the Princess.—Reuter.

MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

(Continued from Page 1)

visit to the Infantry at the Frontier Line and an inspection of Air Force.

The weather in France is at present bitterly cold and there are heavy rains. The channel crossing was made in very rough weather. The King was wearing a Field Marshal's uniform and a trench coat and he remained on the bridge throughout the voyage.

The sea at times broke right over the ship and the escorting destroyers were "shipping it green." The escorting aircraft and French warships met the Royal Convoy off France as well as the Duke of Gloucester.

The King was accompanied by Lord Munster who is in attendance on His Majesty during the duration of the visit.

Britain's New Army

"Britain has more than a million and a quarter men under arms", said Mr. Brown, Minister for Labour, broadcasting. "There is no slackening in the effort here. The young men's eagerness to play a part makes the work easy. The man power for our armed forces is being mobilised with full effect. We have a long start over 1914. The Labour Force for production of armaments and munitions has already achieved a far higher figure than the first few months of the last war."

Mr. Brown estimated that there were some two and a half million more people in productive work to-day than in 1914.

Claiming that Britain's unemployment figures were very exact and most comprehensive in most honest words, Mr. Brown stated that Germany had been living under a war economy for years past and by forced labour under sweated conditions had utilised her man power upon war preparations. That certainly was one way of reducing unemployment in peace time, but no solution for it ended as intended, in war.

Sir John Simon In France

Sir John Simon has arrived in Paris to continue the discussions which M. Reynaud conducted in London.

Broadcasting, Sir John Simon referred to France's war measure and said, "We share the firm resolution that these sacrifices shall not be in vain and that the menace over Europe shall be dissipated once for all. Our best troops are already at the side of your Maginot Line soldiers, but these hundreds of thousands are only an advance guard."

"The exploits of the British and French aviators on the Front extending from Jura to North Scotland are a proof that our men and machines are superior to those of the enemy."

Sir John Simon concluded, "Together we shall win the war and together we shall succeed in creating at last a breathable atmosphere for those of all countries who only want peace, work and liberty."

London Stock Exchange

On the Stock Exchange, Indian buying orders were again the chief feature the markets but the demand appeared to be satisfied prior to the close of trading. Prices of leaders in several groups finished higher but Foreign Government bonds mostly eased. Wall Street opened irregular.—Reuter.

King Starts On Inspection Of Forces

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Reuter's special correspondent "somewhere in France" says: the King, travelling in a powerful car, daubed with streaks of paint rendering it almost invisible from air and carrying on its roof a net attached to which are pieces of rag resembling dead leaves, started this morning on a visit of the British Expeditionary Force accompanied by Lord Gort and the Duke of Gloucester.—Reuter.

Calcutta Must Be Open To Haj Pilgrim Traffic

CALCUTTA, Dec. 5.

The necessity of declaring the Port of Calcutta immediately open for pilgrim service this Haj season was urged by the Muslim Chamber of Commerce in the course of a telegram to Kumar Sir Jagdish Prasad, Member, Education, Health and Lands Department, Government of India, to-day.

The Chamber in their representation protest against the closing of the Port of Calcutta for pilgrim traffic on the plea of war conditions while keeping open the ports of Bombay and Karachi. The Chamber feel that all arguments which were urged before the Enquiry Committee of 1930 for keeping the port open for Bengal pilgrims hold good to-day and that the pilgrim traffic from Calcutta during the last two seasons had shown that given adequate publicity and proper service, the port of Calcutta has potentialities for development as a pilgrim port.—United Press.

NERVOUSNESS IN COTTON

Big Operators Unload: Non-Stop Gambling Sequel

("CHRONICLE SPECIAL").

Prices in the local cotton market crashed on Tuesday about Rs. 16/8 from the high level of Rs. 296/8 and closed at Rs. 280/8. There was heavy selling by professional operators, and the names of some big guns were freely mentioned in the market.

When prices reached dizzy levels last week, we strongly advised liquidation of all holdings, as the market was artificially raised and the technical situation was considerably weakened owing to accumulation of heavy long interest.

IMPORTS FROM CALIFORNIA?

Cotton was considered as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar, but now big operators are realising profits. Local prices were about Rs. 50 above American cotton prices, and it is feared that large quantities of foreign cottons like California and other descriptions would be imported in large quantities. This in turn will weaken the statistical position of cotton, and when new crop begins, to move, all those big bulls who manipulated prices, will leave the market, and the grower will have to suffer. This state is now gradually developing and the time may come ere long when it may be difficult to find buyers.

Neither the Government nor cotton associations took any restrictive measures, and the market was allowed to move at the dictates of powerful interests.

When the market was unsettled and prices were moving up by leaps and bounds doing serious damage to trade interests, the cotton Pundits were discussing the pros and cons of option business, as if they never knew anything about it. The case for immediate action was neglected and there seemed to be no law and order in the cotton market. The market was turned into a gambling den, where extensive speculation was carried on day and night and even holidays marked huge business.

Is this creditable to the fair name of India's cotton trade, and does it speak well of our organisation? Are such things happening in any other markets in the world. The market was purely used as an instrument to mint money, and those who were in charge of the trade never cared to look into the matter.

Thus the whole position is even now left in a precarious state. It is impossible to think what will be in the next hour and no one can say whether the tide has taken a turn.

Cotton trade is a genuine business first and then it affords opportunities to speculators. Day and night trading cannot be a necessity. Longer hours allowed for trading are increasing speculative operations in large volumes, and if the Government cannot do anything at least, they should restrict trading hours. If need be, violations may be treated as cognizable offences. Unless something is done, the situation will always remain dangerous and will do more harm to Indian cotton growers in time of need owing to prospective large imports of foreign cotton.

"Amrit Rai Took His Own Life"

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The jury returned the verdict that Lala Amrit Rai son of Lala Lajpat Rai took his own life while he had lost the balance of his mind. He has left everything to the School for the Blind in Punjab in memory of his mother. His cremation was done by the Hindu Association at 6/11 Golders' Green.

VAST DEMAND FOR SILVER DELIVERIES

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Bullion circles report a further heavy turnover in Bombay mint silver at to-day's fixing. In connection with last Friday's decision not to execute similar orders, a leading bullion broker points out that this was due to technical considerations and it was regrettable that the Indian Market should have interpreted it differently. It is pointed out that under more normal conditions, orders through this market for Bombay mint silver can be fulfilled within one week, but last Friday's demand was so vast that deliveries would have been impossible under nearly three weeks, representing a risk which this market under present conditions, was not prepared to accept, unless, contrary to the usual practice, bank credits accompanied the orders.—Reuter.

King's Christmas Cards To All Soldiers In France

LONDON, Dec. 5.

His Majesty the King and Queen are sending Royal Christmas cards to all members of the Army and R. A. F., serving in France.—Reuter.

MUTTRA:—A young villager, Bhahmin by caste, resident of village Lodhai in Muttra District, was killed in a Lathi fight which took place in the said village over a dispute of irrigating land with canal water. The dead body of the villager has been brought here for post-mortem examination.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Kartik Vad 10, 1996
Muslim: Shavvasl 23, 1358
Parsi Tir 2, 1309
Hightide: 7-20; 20-49
Lowtide: 1-14; 14-12
Sunrise: 6h. 58m.
Sunset: 6h. 1m.
Municipal Standing Committee, Budget meeting, 3-13 p.m. Weekly meeting, 4-10 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 7

Standing Committee, Budget meeting, 2-40 p.m.
Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 8

"Child In The Home" Exhibition, Town Hall, 5-45 p.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Sir Clutha Mackenzie lunched at Government House on Tuesday.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME AT BANDRA TALKIES

From to-day (Wednesday) Bandra Talkies is to screen for three days Saraswati Cinetone's "It's True" starring Miss Rose and Motilal.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS

A public meeting for questions and answers will be held to-day (Wednesday), at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain, at 6-15 p.m.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION

Prof. V. D. Rao will begin his lectures on "Federation" in the Ruia College to-day (Wednesday), at 7 p.m. Other lectures for the day will be held as usual.

A.-I. STATES' PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The next meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference will meet in Bombay in the last week of December.

'PARLE VIKAS MANDAL

Under the auspices of the above mandal, a public meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 8-30 p.m. in the Liberty Lodge Hall, when Sjt. Sunderji Betai will recite his poems.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

On behalf of the Indian Progressive Group Mr. M. P. Laud, Bar-at-Law, will speak on "Russia's Betrayal of Democracy" to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m.

There will be a discussion at the end of the lecture.

B. P. C. C. MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Monday (Dec. 11) at 7 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

PUBLIC MEETINGS IN 'G' WARD

Under the auspices of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee, a public meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m in the compound of Samartha Vyayam Mandir, to explain the Working Committee's resolutions in general and on Constituent Assembly in particular.

AT JAMBORI MAIDAN

Another public meeting will be held today (Wednesday), at Jambori Maidan, Worli, at 5-30 p.m. for the same purpose.

AT BHOIWADA

Under the auspices of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee, a public meeting will be held in the open maidan, opp. Bhoiwada Police Station, to-day (Wednesday), at 5-30 p.m. when "Constituent Assembly" will be the subject of address by Messrs. L. K. Oak, P. G. Sawant, T. T. Suryavanshi, D. G. Mhatre and others.

SUPPORT TO CONGRESS DEMAND

(From A Correspondent).

Under the auspices of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee, a public meeting was held at Pimpal Par Maidan on Monday, the 4th Dec. under the presidentship of Mr. Varaskar, Mr. P. K. Kurane, the Secretary of the "G" Ward D.C.C., addressed a gathering of about 1,000 people. He explained to the meeting results of the last war and the lessons to learn from it.

This was the third in the series of lectures arranged by the G.D.C.C. to celebrate the Constituent Assembly Week.

Mr. Kurane explained to the gathering the significance and importance of the Congress demand for the Constituent Assembly and urged them to be prepared for a national struggle to achieve it.

"F" WARD CONGRESS

The Jt. Hon. Secretary, 'F' Ward District Congress Committee, writes:—

All the enrolling officers who enrolled members in the books of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee are requested to take away voters' cards from the office between 8 a.m. to 12 noon (S.T.) and 3 to 8 p.m. (S.T.) except on Monday, for distribution among the respective applicants.

Rainfall Record

Poona: December 5.

Scattered showers occurred in Baluchistan, Quetta and Kalat recording a quarter of an inch each. Port Blair also recorded 3/4 of an inch rain.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 5-12-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.002 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.4 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 56.4 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 92.3 degrees 4.9 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 68.2 degrees 1.4 (below normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 71 per cent

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. E

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 6 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 105 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 17 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 1

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 5-12-39

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 76.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.18 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.00 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Unknown Soldier Speaks". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

REGAL—"Stanley and Livingstone". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

METRO—"Merry Widow". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

EXCELSIOR—"Each Dawn I Die". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

NEW EMPIRE—"Intermezzo". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

LAMINGTON—"Kahan Hai Manzil Teri". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.

PATHE—"On the River." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

WEST END—"Mera Haq". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

KRISHNA—"Aulad". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

IMPERIAL—"As you Please". Daily at 4-15 7 and 10 p.m.

CENTRAL—"Admi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

DIAMOND—"The Spider's Web" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

MAJESTIC—"Bhagya Zenda". Time as usual.

PLAZA—"Sukhacha Shodha". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

At Bandra on Saturday all suburban sporting fans were present at the second annual Bombay Suburban Zonal Olympic games.

The competitors exceeded over a hundred and St. Andrews' High School, Bandra, won all the championship trophies. Dr. P. A. Dias, Mayor of Bandra, distributed the prizes.

On the same day the Men's Sodality of St. Peter's Church, Bandra, held their annual sports which was also well attended.

RURAL UPLIFT

Though a lot is on the move in the direction of rural uplift in many parts of our suburban area some places are completely neglected.

The important question that Government ought to contemplate on is medical aid. In many parts of our Suburban Area medical aid is unknown and the people suffer considerably.

There are several places that are handicapped owing to no road transport, one such place is Manori, which is separated by sea.

This place is adjoining Morva Creek and the place has a rich fishing trade and cultivation, but owing to no road access the income is rather poor.

The villagers say that the revenue derived from this island is high enough and the Government must decide on the building of a bridge.

DIES ON TENNIS FIELD

Mr. Thomas D'Monte, well-known East Indian landlord of Bandra and prominent citizen, died on Monday evening of heart-failure on the tennis court of the Bandra Gymkhana after finishing his usual set.

Mr. D'Monte was a well-known sportsman and popular in tennis and cricket circles. He participated in several noteworthy cricket matches and was always a reliable batsman of his side. His activities in sporting circles will long be remembered. His funeral was held yesterday evening and was well attended.

Khadi Sales During Gandhi Jayanti

TOTAL SEVEN AND A HALF LAKHS

AHMEDABAD: (By Mail).

The Secretary, All-India Spinners' Association, Ahmedabad, writes:—

Though complete reports are not received from the different provinces regarding Khadi sales during the Gandhi Jayanti, the reports received show that the total sales come to Rs. 7,50,889 as against Rs. 4,28,990 in 1938, being an increase of 75 per cent over last year.

The figures for the different Provinces are as follows:—

	Sales Hundis.	Cash.	Total.
Andhra	49,735		49,735
Behar	1,10,000		1,10,000
Bengal	15,026		15,026
Burma	9,520		9,520
Bombay	80,000	59,034	1,39,034
C. P. Maharashtra	3,775	25,800	29,575
Gujarat	1,13,679	52,884	1,66,563
Karnatak		12,777	12,777
Kerala		4,453	4,453
Kashmir		959	959
Punjab		12,062	12,062
Rajasthan	26,212	25,089	51,301
Sind	14,000		14,000
Tamil Nad		30,905	30,905
U. P.	62,712	39,149	1,01,861
Utkal		3,120	3,120
Total	3,00,376	4,50,513	7,50,889

We take this opportunity to convey our thanks to the public for their enthusiastic response and to various Congress Committees, Congress workers as also to the Press for the valuable assistance they have rendered in making the programme a success on the occasion of the Gandhi Jayanti.

PROFITS INCREASE FOR INDIAN NATIONAL AIRWAYS

At the sixth annual general meeting of the Indian National Airways, Limited, the Chairman's speech was read in which it was stated that the profits for the past year was Rs. 22,366 higher than that in the previous year. Since they commenced active flying operations at the end of 1933 they had operated a total fleet of 25 air craft and carried over 9,000 passengers. The frequency of their Karachi-Lahore-Delhi feeder lines in large measure depended upon the frequency of the Empire Service and the extent to which they were required to perform traffic duties in India similarly depended upon the extent of Empire operations across this country. The Chairman hoped that they would be able to maintain the "steady progress which they had enjoyed for the past few years."

Indian International Salon Of Photographic Art

(From A Correspondent.)

The camera pictorialists of Bombay have managed to exhibit an excellent selection of pictures at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute. The exhibition which can be visited any evening till the 10th of this month is definitely upto the international standard and could vie with any exhibition of the type held abroad. A novel feature is the exhibition of lantern slides.

On the photographic side the pictures show a variety of technique and style. Some exhibits give a very impressionistic effect, particularly those of cattle droves on dusty ways, and a bromide print from India by Khopker No. 152 is an exquisite example of pictorial art in this direction. Of a different type is the impressionistic effect of "Winter Morning" by Phillips, No. 223, and "Through the Clouds" by Van de Wyer, No. 315, but they are equally charming.

Of peculiar interest is the work of Jan de Meyere (Sweden) whose two studies Nos. 179 and 180 gives a line sketching effect, portraits with minute focussing that gives every line of the hair and coiffure, while all light and shade is eliminated from the face giving a flat effect resembling a line sketch. Some of the usual portrait studies are interesting Dr. Julian Smith's "Entre Nous" (Australia) is a fascinating study full of sly expression; while "The Challenge" No 62, by Casbolt (New Zealand) is very expressive of action.

Animals are well represented. Mr. N. B. Cooper's "Peter Jr." No. 66, is a good dog portrait, and it has its cat counterpart in No. 172, "His Honour" of Martz (U.S.A.) while a delicate action picture is provided by Mrs. Gerhard's Monopoly No. 100.

From Switzerland comes an excellent night-lights effect picture "Bridge Lights" of Boesiger No. 41, one of the best of the type to be seen for a long time. "After the Rain" of Huigens (Belgium) No. 130, is that type of picture that could be snapped anywhere, but not one in a thousand could claim the same artistic effect.

Nude studies are comparatively disappointing, in fact the heavy and hefty figures portrayed seems to go back to the favourite style of a century ago when the plump and buxom was a la mode, or to some of the voluptuous conceptions of the East. Child life on the other hand is well and worthily represented, Miss Stone's "Mischievous" No. 276 shows the camera catching the expression at the only moment, and Carl Oeser's "Toddlers" No. 204 is one of the most realistic in effect.

No description can give any idea at all of the excellent quality of the exhibits that have been selected with great care, and a visit is strongly recommended specially as such a collection can be rarely seen on this side of the globe.

"CHILD IN THE HOME EXHIBITION"

R. P. Masani To Open It At Town Hall On Friday

Under the auspices of the Gujarati Stree Sahakari Mandal, Ltd., a "Child in the Home" Exhibition will be opened at the Town Hall, Bombay, on Friday (Dec. 8), at 5-45 p.m. (S.T.) by Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice Chancellor of the Bombay University.

The Exhibition consists of a number of sections including "Clothing Section" about the proper clothing of children for various occasions.

An important sub section will be devoted to children's corner in the House.

What are the legitimate demands of the tenants? This subject will form a sub-section and the right, proper place for a child in a small place will be shown in this section.

Indian Roads Congress

The Indian Roads Congress will be opened by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay at the Electric House at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 11th inst.

MUSIC IN PUBLIC PLACES

The following is the list of Band, Indian music and Radiogram performances at various Municipal Bandstands during December, 1939:—

6th, Wednesday: Esplanade Bandstand, Radiogram. 9th, Saturday: King's Circle, Matunga, Radiogram. 10th, Sunday: Victoria Gardens, Radiogram. 10th, Sunday: Sir P. M. Gardens, Band. 17th Saturday: Victoria Gardens, Radiogram. 17th Saturday: Parsi Colony, Dadar, Band. 23rd, Saturday: Chowpatty Bandstand, Radiogram. 23rd, Saturday: Victoria Gardens, Radiogram. 24th Sunday: Victoria Gardens, Radiogram. 24th Sunday: King's Circle, Matunga, Indian music. 26th, Tuesday: Parsi Colony, Dadar, Radiogram. 31st, Sunday: Victoria Gardens, Radiogram. 31st, Sunday: Chowpatty Bandstand, Indian music.

Note.—Band performances: 5-45 to 7-45 p.m. (S.T.). Radiogram: 5 to 8 p.m. (S.T.) Indian music 5 to 7 p.m. (S.T.) The hours of performances in all cases at Sir P. M. Gardens will be 4-30 to 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) The programmes are liable to cancellation or change without notice.

THE LATE C. J. SULAIMAN CHARITABLE DISPENSARIES

In the month of November 1939, 8151 patients were treated in this dispensary. These consisted of 4474 males, 2416 women and 1261 children and 4 patients have taken advantage of the maternity hospital of the Trust.

SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION BY CONGRESS

Strike In Asbestos Cement Factory Ends

VILE PARLE, (Tuesday).

The workers of the Asbestos Cement Ltd., Mulund, numbering more than 500, suddenly downed tools at 10 p.m. on Friday last demanding extra wages due to abnormal rise in prices.

The workers have no organized Union of their own and hence their demand failed to evoke an adequate response from the Management.

The members of Mulund Congress Committee and the Secretaries of the Suburban District Congress Committee, on Sunday, offered their services for negotiating a compromise acceptable to both the parties. As a result of their intervention, the Management accepted the justice of the demand and agreed to leave the fixation of extra wages to the decision of the Labour Commissioner.

Sjt. I. M. Oza, Secretary of the District Congress Committee saw the Labour Commissioner on Monday with a letter from the Managing Director of the Asbestos Cement Ltd. The Commissioner advised the Management to put up a notice asking the workers to resume work before December 5, and assuring them that there will not be any victimization. Accordingly a notice was put up.

Thereafter the workers held a meeting late on Monday night under the presidentship of Mr. Oza and resolved to call off the strike and resume work next day.

To-day the factory is working with full force.

Viceroy Thanks Congresswalla

Mr. Shapurji Congresswalla has received a letter from His Excellency the Viceroy thanking him for his telegram of congratulations on the occasion of the marriage of Lady Anne Hope.

Security Demand On Proposed Workers' Paper

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A security of Rs. 500 has been demanded by the Chief Presidency Magistrate from Mr. S. G. Panditkar, Secretary of the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag), who filed a declaration before the Magistrate to issue a Marathi bi-weekly entitled Bombay Girni Kamgar Union Bulletin.

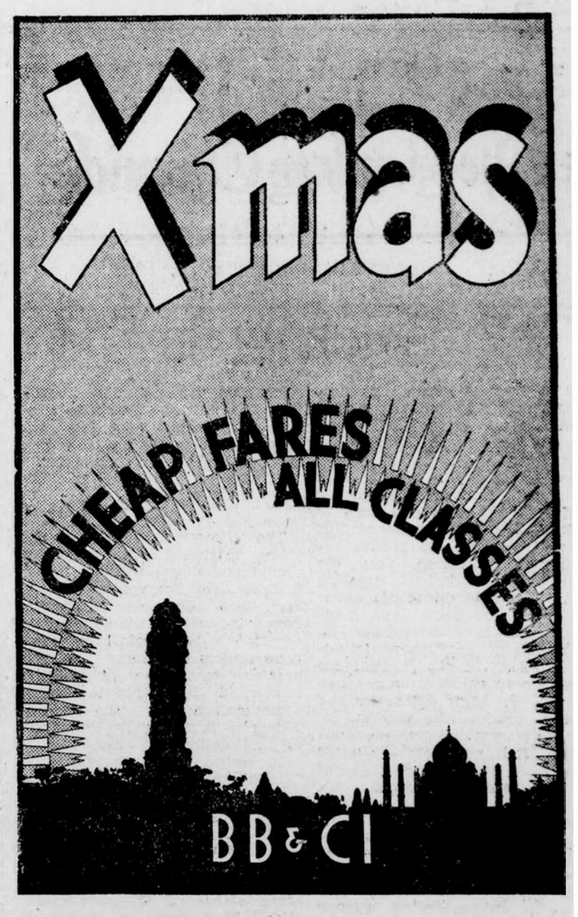
The question of issuing the bulletin by depositing the security is being considered.

JAMNAGAR BRAHMIN'S ORGANISATION

(From A Correspondent)

Jamnagar. (By Mail).

A general meeting of the Nagirs, Nagir-Brahmins and Brahmins of all castes of Jamnagar, was held in the Bhid-Bhanjam Temple to consider the establishment of "Brahma Samaj" (a central organisation of Brahmins) for the amelioration of the community by resuscitation of their ancient Vedic culture which occupied a very exalted status in the past. Her Highness the Maharani Saheb graced the meeting and expressed the need for such an organisation for the uplift of the Brahmins who should be inspired to take an active interest in the study of the holy scriptures and in the performance of the daily rites enjoined by the Shastras.



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DISINGENUOUS

If the latest article in the "Times" on the Indian situation represents the mind of the British people, we must sympathise with their incapacity to understand the reality in this country and their infinite capacity to confuse themselves and then to seek to confuse others. The "Times" purposes to answer the Congress contention that the British authorities, in pointing to communal difficulties have confused the issues and made the difficulties an excuse for withholding constitutional advance. But in the answer the paper does nothing more than trot out the same difficulties and quietly evades the way out of them, as suggested by the Congress. It is positively disingenuous when it says in defence of Britain's refusal to concede India's claim to freedom that Dominion Status is not a thing to be conferred but "exists automatically when certain required conditions are present." If Dominion Status automatically follows the fulfilment of certain conditions, why do not the British authorities mention those conditions unequivocally and state that on their fulfilment Dominion Status will follow? As a matter of fact they incessantly talk of conditions, vary them every now and then, but have not once said that as soon as certain definite conditions are fulfilled, India's freedom follows as a matter of course

Congress Offer

Developing the same point the "Times" writes: "When the various political elements in India have agreed on the kind of constitution under which they are prepared to live the country will have secured Dominion Status for the simple reason that the British Government will have neither the power nor the desire to resist or reject the demand." Now, the Congress can well imagine a situation when Britain will not have the power to resist or reject its demand. And it was endeavouring in its own way to bring about such a situation and will do so again if need be. But when the war came, the Congress for once sincerely hoped that Britain would, if only in her own interest, help to bring about an amicable settlement with India. And in that hope and in consideration of such a settlement it offered its whole-hearted support in the conduct of the war. If there is to be no settlement Congress will, of course, resume its old struggle against imperialism and the time cannot be long when Britain will not have the power to resist or reject its demand. But if Britain has not the desire to concede the demand now, few will believe even in Britain that she will have the desire hereafter.

Mere Subterfuge

The "Times" at least does not seem to desire that Britain should really part with her power in India. For the very reason, it, says, that Congress Ministries have "intensified communal bitterness", it is "illogical for Congress leaders to assume that even greater extension of majority rule could be likely to lessen communalism in the future." This plea is hardly an indication of any desire to extend democratic rule in India. Nor need the "Times" think that its argument is a trump card against the Congress. Britain's own share of responsibility for the present and past communalism in India is too familiar a theme to need any comment here. If the "Times" suggests that the Congress ministries have failed to safeguard the interests of the minorities, how is it that the Governors have not intervened even once in a single Congress Government? The non-intervention means either that the Congress has done its duty properly or that the Governors have failed in their duties. Let the "Times" choose between the two explanations. Referring to the Congress demand for a Constituent Assembly, the "Times" says: "The convening of such an Assembly now or even after the war could only prove to the world the extent of Indian political disunity and many hold that an attempt to solve the communal problem on the simple majority basis would split India from top to bottom, perhaps irrtrievably." There is no ground for such fears. If the Assembly does not effect a settlement, the world will not see anything worse than what the Round Table Conferences were contrived to show. Nor does the Congress wish to proceed on a simple majority basis. The "Times" could not be unaware that the Congress has pledged itself not to accept any scheme of safeguards for minorities which is not acceptable to the minorities concerned. Congress has even asked Britain to accept the Constitution of the Constituent Assembly only if it is acceptable to the minorities. If after all this Britain does not accept the demand for such an Assembly, it only means she does not really wish to part with power and that the plea of minorities standing in the way is a mere subterfuge.

Russo-Japanese Relations

A Tokyo message dated December. 4. says:—

"A non-aggression pact with Russia is not in the Japanese programme," declared a Foreign Office spokesman to-day. "Japanese policy regarding the Soviet Union at present depends," he added, "upon a solution of pending issues."

At first sight this declaration would appear to be a repudiation on the part of Japan of any desire to establish relations with Russia in the Far East similar to those between the latter and Germany in Eastern Europe. This is not so. It is rather a hint to emphasize the necessity of solving "pending issues" first, which will pave the way for further agreements.

Now, the 'pending issues" relate not so much to the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier as really to China and therein lies the sinister feature of the hint. It has, of late, been suggested in certain quarters that the Russians have been cooling off in their friendship with China and that Russian assistance to China is being gradually but steadily withdrawn. We hope this is not correct, but if we are wrong the only interpretation possible is that M. Stalin is deserting Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek—whatever the excuse for it—to prepare the atmosphere for a friendly arrangement with Japan. What will be the positive feature of that arrangement?

An Amazing Reply

It was not to be expected that Russia, once embarked upon aggression and having already produced a convenient "People's Government" for Finland, would agree to deal with Helsinki. It is, therefore, not at all surprising that the latter's demarche through Sweden should have been brusquely rejected by M. Molotov. Conscious of their overwhelming strength, the Russians are out to reduce Finland to unconditional submission, and, of course, they will. But they are seeking to render their cynical aggression even more ugly by arguments which are neither logical nor honourable. Whatever the merits of M. Stalin's "Democratic Government" of Finland, the fact remains that it is the Helsinki Cabinet which is the Government 'de facto' and 'de jure' of Finland. In view of this it is amazing that Russia should urge, as she is reported to have done in a communication to Geneva, that she was not at war with Finland at all because she had already concluded a mutual assistance Pact with the "Democratic Government" of Finland! And yet Russia has advanced this argument in all seriousness! Well, may Signor Mussolini and Herr Hitler chuckle at this reply.

Our London Letter

Labour Demand For Secret Session Of Parliament

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Nov. 25.

When the Parliamenary programme is announced at the opening of the new session on Tuesday next the Government will promise the early introduction of a Bill extending the life of the present Parliament indefinitely. Normally, the Parliamentary term would end in November next year but it is accepted by the three parties in Parliament that no general election will be possible during the war or for at least six months afterwards. In the last war the Parliament which first met in January 1911, following the famous Budget of December 1910, was extended "for the duration" and actually lasted seven years and 299 days—the longest Parliament in modern political history. The present political truce, which has been broken by the Communists and the I.L.P. has, of course, no statutory authority. There is a "gentleman's" agreement between the Government and the main Opposition parties that no by-election contests shall take place in war-time

Before Parliament stood prorogued, Mr. Attlee made one more demand for a secret session. He said that his party had certainly no desire whatever to give any comfort to the enemy, but it wanted to be assured that the resources of the nation—material and human—were being properly utilised to make their maximum contribution to the common cause. He felt that the time had come when he should give notice that in the new session they should ask for a secret session of the House at an early opportunity in order that they might discuss improving their organisation and output of supplies, and that the House might make its proper contribution to that subject. "This House has its responsibility which it cannot leave entirely to Ministers" said Mr. Attlee: "we want to be sure that we are doing our utmost for the more energetic prosecution of the war."

Mr. Attlee's demand for a secret session came as a surprise to Parliament. Until now most M.P.'s have been averse to the proposal, chiefly because it is liable to mis-interpretation abroad The Labour Party hold strong views about the existing organisation of the Ministry of Supply. They realise that the munitions output is already formidable, but they have collected important evidence which points to the need for a still greater effort. If necessary Labour in the national interest—will produce some of its evidence on the floor of the House next session, but Mr. Attlee and his colleagues would prefer a secret session so that the work of Mr Burgin's Ministry could be more frankly considered without any risk of helping the enemy The Party has also decided to make social and economic reconstruction its main topic at the beginning of Parliament's new session.

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The extreme section of British political thought is opposed to any secret session of Parliament. It points out that the present Parliament is Britain's worst Parliament, worse than the Rump which Cromwell cleared out with the cry. "You are no Parliament, I say, you are no Parliament I will put an end to your sitting.' The people must protest against a secret session as the present Parliament is bad enough without the additional shame of secrecy. His Majesty's Opposition has ceased to exist. A few good speeches now and then from the back benches and instead of parliamentary fighting the country finds itself in a political truce, the beginnings of a one-party totalitarian system.

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The decisions announced by the Allied Supreme War Council are described by some commentators here as well as in Paris as the greatest development in the West since the outbreak of war The pooling of resources by the two countries—France and Britain—is expected to have a sobering effect on Germany, where all kinds of theories are still current that France is not quite in earnest and may in certain circumstances be willing to consider a new "peace offensive." It is expected that Anglo-French economic co-operation will run parallel with an increased co-ordination between the two navies, merchant fleets and air forces, notably in matters like the organisation of overseas convoys. The organisation of joint purchases abroad will, it is believed, eliminate a great deal of waste. Moreover, it is expected that important new exchanges of commodities may be carried out between British and France themselves. It is, for example, suggested that the agreement may not be without effect on the food situation in Britain and that certain foodstuffs grown in France and North Africa, such as oil, vegetables, and in a lesser degree cheese and butter, may be exported to Britain in better conditions than before. It is also expected to have an important effect on the actual financing of the war The French Finance Minister it is reported, is showing every intention to convince Britain that the errors of 1914-1918 will not be repeated French taxes are put up drastically and not only indirect taxes but also the unpopular direct taxes. All men of military age not serving with the colours shall, with certain exceptions, pay a flat special income tax of 15 per cent in addition to the surtax to be paid by all, and which has now been

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From Across The Seas

Gleanings From The World Press

(By Our London Correspondent)

Two British M. P.'s have made a bet which only Hitler can decide. The stake is £5.

A week before war broke out Mr. Josiah Wedgwood and Mr. Richard Stokes were discussing coming events. There was a point on which they could not agree. Neither is a poor man, though both are members of the Labour Party. They decided to put pounds behind their prophecies.

Mr. Wedgwood bet Mr. Stokes that "there will not be a bomb dropped on London in the next six months". Mr. Stokes took it and both settled down to watch Hitler with a speculative personal interest. In the earlier days of the war when the air raid sirens sounded in London both thought that Hitler had adjudicated.

But as time passes Mr. Wedgwood's confidence grows. Far from wanting to hedge his bet he is now regretting that the stakes are not higher.

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A 72-year-old Australian woman has been knitting socks for soldiers. In each parcel of socks she encloses a copy of this delightful poem, written by herself.

From shop to shop we chase for wool
To make your knitted hose,
And knit one colour for the leg,
Another for the toes.
But black or white, or green, or red—
Whate'er the colour be,
The love we put into our work
Is boundless as the sea.
We chase for wool, you chase for foe,
And each of us gets there;
Australian grit and knitted socks
Will stand the hardest wear.
Wear them in the trenches
On sea, or air, or plain;
God speed you on to victory
And bring you home again.

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Gramophone records are now subject to censorship in Britain in exactly the same way as the Press and the B.B.C. None must leave the factories until it has been "passed for playing".

Ministry of Information officials have told the record firms that in theory all discs, even purely musical ones, are included in this ruling. In practice, however, the gramophone companies are avoiding submitting all records to the Ministry by appointing their own censors to supervise recordings and certify that they do not contain any censorable matter.

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The Independent Labour Party has once again established contact with the Independent Socialists of Germany. This organisation, it may be explained, is quite distinct from the German Communists.

Through "underground" channels, the I.L.P. has received a long and illuminating message from its German opposite number. It provides ample evidence of the inarticulate revolt of industrial workers, house-wives, and even soldiers against the conditions under which they are living

"Liberty Army" cells, it is stated, are already being formed among the troops. The Liberty Army consists of "members of all republican, democratic and working class parties. But it will act only, and can act only, when the German military formation are in disorder and when the troops retract from the front".

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The Aga Khan who has decided to sell all his yearlings at the December Sales had a reputation to be blunt and business-like over his horses. On one occasion an Indian Prince, famed for his horsemanship, paid a visit to the Aga Khan's stables in England He saw the future Derby-winner Blenheim at exercise and asked if he might ride the horse.

To his surprise he met with a polite but firm refusal. "You are a great rider I know", said his host, "but you are not a jockey. Riding a horse like that is a

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Frankly Speaking

Argentine's Demand

Soviet aggression against Finland has stirred Argentine to noble rage, and her Foreign Minister has called upon the League of Nations to expel Russia from an institution which she has already declared her intention of leaving a la Germany and Italy. Uruguay has followed suit and the Ambassadors of Bolivia and Peru and the Paraguayan Minister have interviewed the Chilean Foreign Minister and conveyed the intention of their Governments to protest against the Soviet invasion of Poland. The Argentine demand is rather amusing but in a sense it is important too. It represents the shock that the South American republics have felt at the invasion of Finland. And since they can do little or nothing to Russia, it is likely that their indignation may be transferred to Germany whose policy is the main contributory cause of the plight of Finland. Germany still receives some economic assistance from South America and it would be interesting if the Latin Republics decided to visit M Stalin's sin on Herr Hitler.

No Change Of Policy

The Governor's decision not to proceed with the sales-tax on manufactured cloth contemplated by the late Congress Government is not, we trust, a sign of any disposition to reverse the policy of prohibition to finance which the sales-tax and the property-tax were devised. It appears that a substantial part of the 25 lakhs of rupees set apart by the Congress Ministry for rural development purposes will remain unexpended at the end of the year as the schemes for development were incomplete when the Congress vacated office. It would have been better if the new Government had completed the schemes and expended thereon the sum set apart for them But they seem to have preferred a more cautious but less progressive course. They have evidently decided to utilise the balance of the fund meant for rural uplift as a substitute for the expected proceeds of the sales-tax on manufactured cloth, particularly because the Congress Ministry had not decided the details of collecting the tax. The next Budget will show more clearly the new Government's policy regarding prohibition and rural uplift. The public will not tolerate any reversal of the Congress Government's policy in these matters.

Yeravda Industrial School

The delinquent child is one of the most difficult problems that confronts society. Though its recognition as such is comparatively modern, it has existed from the earliest days and has taxed the resources of social workers. The Yeravda Industrial School was founded fifty years ago as a Reformatory for juvenile criminals and was under the control of the Jail Department. Since then it has passed through various vicissitudes, which reveal the changing social outlook. To-day the school has nothing of the penal atmosphere about it and it can be said that its students are almost as free and happy as the inmates of any other residential school. Obviously the responsibilities which devolve upon the staff of such an institution are onerous and complex and it is, therefore, gratifying to know from the latest annual report that they are being discharged with understanding and competence. The institution has won the good opinions of all visitors and it is doing yeoman's service for the social reclamation of many unfortunate youngsters in this presidency. It is to be hoped that the school will continue to show progress and that it will be able to afford a shelter to all needy juveniles.

German Concentration Camp

The White Paper on the Treatment of German Nationals in Germany (1938-39) issued by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Parliament, has been reprinted in India by the Bureau of Public Information of the Government of India It is in the form of a collection of documents dealing with this subject. They are chiefly letters received by the Foreign Secretary or the British Consul which throw light on this important question. The purpose of these letters is to show where the blame really lies and from these letters it seems to be evident that it is the Nazi Government, who have acted on their own initiative without the will and consent of the people. It is an interesting document, but one which must necessarily be read with caution. Nevertheless, as the White Paper says, the treatment of Jews in Germany and of those Germans interned in concentration camps is reminiscent of the darkest ages in the history of man.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Fresh demonstrations favouring Finland and against Soviet occurred here. A crowd of students gathered outside the Finnish Legation and shouted anti-Soviet slogans. The Finnish Minister appeared on the balcony of the Legation in response to the calls of the demonstrators, who thereafter continued to march shouting "Long Live Finland; down with the Soviet Union."

The Soviet Embassy is now strongly guarded, while cordon of troops has resulted in the district being more or less isolated
—Rome Report.

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"On a long view, British policy has already produced definite and tangible results".
—The "London Times" on the Indian Problem.

Don't we already know to our cost?

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According to a Shillong message four more additions have been made to the Assam Ministry.

How many non-Ministers does that now leave in the Saadullah parties?

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Britain has taken 144 U-boat prisoners according to an authoritative statement, says a London message.

Herr Hitler ought to realise that 144 is the British Empire's lucky number.

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Russia Leaves The League
—Headline.

And thus joins Germany, Japan and Italy.

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Russia has informed the League of Nations that it is not at all necessary to deal with Finland's appeal.

The reason advanced is so convincingly and analytically brilliant that we felt like bring on the shoulders of one of our own, special, copyright communist comrades.

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Not the Junior Colleague, however. The brat is made of sterner stuff and felt stimulated by M. Molotov's rejection of the "so-called" Government of Helsinki and recognition of his own called Government of K. Kunisnnen to the extent of rushing about for Reference Book.

Asked about the big idea he shouted that he was searching for M. Litvinoff's reply to Italy during the Abyssinian controversy at Geneva.

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Uruguay has threatened Geneva that if the Soviet is not expelled she will——leave the League of Nations

Bravo!

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War Clouds Over Hungary
—Headline.

The world may reassure itself. They will disperse quietly and quickly. The German Ambassador in Rome has already rushed post-haste to Berlin.

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"This fierce denunciation by the Japanese of (Russian) aggression is most welcome, but what about China?"
—Anglo-India.

Yes, brother, what about China? In fact, the question occurred to us too a few weeks ago when Anglo-French garrisons were withdrawn from North China.

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The late Professor Sigmund Freud has left £22,000.

Nazi leaders, particularly Ribbentrop, Goering and Goebbels, must be furious.

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Hitler died and went "below". Satan answered his knock, told him to wait a minute, went away, and returned with a box of matches and a bundle of firewood.

He gave both to Hitler, with the remark: "Listen, Adolf, there's a limit to what even we can stand. Take these and start a Hell of your own."

Implications Of Molotov's Note

Tactical Measures For Soviet Security Upon Other States' Territories

MOSCOW, DEC. 5.

M. MOLOTOV'S NOTE TO M. AVENOL (THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO CONVOKE THE LEAGUE UNDER ARTICLE ELEVEN) MAY HERALD RUSSIA'S EXIT FROM THE LEAGUE.

THE SOVIET MEMBERSHIP WAS A TACTICAL MOVE WHEN THEIR MAIN CONCERN WAS TO PREVENT OTHER STATES SUCH AS GERMANY "DEFENDING THEMSELVES" ON SOVIET TERRITORY. NOW THE SOVIET UNION HAS TAKEN WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS MEASURES FOR HER SECURITY UPON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES.

THE LEAGUE IS PROBABLY CONSIDERED TO HAVE EXHAUSTED ITS USEFULNESS.— REUTER.

Soviet Boycotts League Meeting

LONDON, December 4.

The Soviets have refused to participate in the meetings of the League Council and Assembly, according to a Moscow broadcast version of M. Molotov's reply to M. Avenol which declares that there is no reason to convoke the League under Article Eleven.

The Soviets are not in a state of war with Finland, do not threaten the Finnish people with war and do not recognise as true representatives of the Finnish people those persons on whose behalf an appeal to the League has been made.

On the contrary the Soviets have maintained full relations with the democratic Government of Finland with whom they have concluded a Pact of Mutual Assistance and will settle all questions which it was impossible to negotiate with the previous Finnish Government.

Snowstorms Hold Up War

The Finnish Cabinet is still in Helsinki, where it spent the day deliberating in the vault of the National Bank.

Snowstorms are reported along the eastern border where in many places the fighting has ceased altogether.

Latest reports from the Finnish forward headquarters confirm that the Russians had withdrawn again on the northern shore of Lake Ladoga and it is also believed that a great many of them perished when trying to cross the lake on thin ice.

It is understood that in the Karelian Isthmus two Finnish divisions, totalling 38,000 men are now facing about twice as many Russians. Here the Russians claim to have made considerable inroads on the Finnish territory, but Finnish military circles explain that the fighting has hitherto, occurred on No-Mans-Land. In no case have Russians made any real assault on the Mannerheim Line.

Only in the extreme north was the weather good enough to admit of any real fighting to-day and all reports agree that the Finns are holding the Russians with admirable tenacity and courage.

Russians Will Be Blown Up

The report that nickel mines and Salmijarvi were blown up by the Finns is now stated to be untrue, but the whole of the place is ready to be blown up if the Russians advance.

The British Chaplain and the last British family, normally resident in Helsinki, left to-day in a bus provided by the military police for Aabo from where they leave for Sweden to-morrow.

Red Troops Continue To Advance

A Leningrad District Command communique broadcast on the Moscow Radio to-night says. "Troops continued to advance today. In Muramansk District they are pursuing a small group of defeated Finnish troops near Petsamo and have advanced 25 kilometres South of Petsamo.

"Soviet warships are clearing the port of Petsamo of the mines laid by the Finns. In Ukhta, Reboli, Porosere and the Karelian Isthmus Russian troops have advanced 45 to 50 kilometres from the frontier.

"In Petrozavodsk direction, they continue to advance after occupying the town of Salmi on the shore of Lake Ladoga.

Vigour Of Finn Resistance Admitted

The vigour of the Finnish resistance to the Red Army is clearly shown by the latest Soviet despatches from the Front.

Aided by natural advantages the Finns are evidently holding up the Soviet advance at several points especially along the Karelian Frontier. North of Lake Ladoga where the notorious Karelian marshes have not yet frozen over and the Soviet troops have encountered great transport difficulties in almost a roadless region.

Where the Russians are able to advance, they find the land wasted by fire and is full of mantraps. Many buildings in Terijoki were burned by the Finns before they left and nearly all the population has fled.

Total Casualties In Soviet Air Raids

The Official Finnish News Agency states that the total casualties as a result of Soviet air raids on Finland hitherto are 74 killed and 248 injured. Aeroplanes using machine guns killed 38 people and wounded 240.

The News Agency adds in all these raids not a single military objective was attacked, all attacks being directed against the civilian population.

The Russians at Petsamo have been reinforced and fighting is very heavy, but the Finns have held positions despite the superior numbers of the Russians.

The Finns are reported to be sending reinforcements of some 10,000 men to Salmijaovi, according to a telegram from Kirkenes.

Grateful For Snowstorms

The people of Finland looked gratefully out of windows to-day at the driving snowstorms beneath leaden grey skies.

"Stalin cannot send up his 800 bombers in this weather," was the thought uppermost in everybody's mind.

It is fully realised, however that this respite may be only temporary for as soon as the sun returns, the Russians can unleash their bombers, but the Finnish Army welcomed a much-needed opportunity to put finishing touches to their defence preparations.

Legations Still Functioning

The Legations are still functioning and were busy throughout the day arranging to get their nationals out of the city at all cost. Most shops and all banks except the saving banks were closed to-day but the restaurants were open and trams were still running.

To Represent Italian View On Finland

Herr Von Mackensen left for Berlin, it is believed, in order to lay the Italian view about Finland before the German Government.

Soviet Negotiate With New Finnish Govt.

Replying to the Swedish Minister, when he communicated the desire of the Finnish Government to enter into fresh negotiations, M. Molotov said that the Soviet did not recognize this "so-called" Government and there could be no question of negotiations with it, states the Moscow Radio.

M. Molotov added that the Soviet recognised only the "People's" Government of Finland.—Reuter.

Swedes Eager To Intervene

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is estimated in some quarters here that 70 p. c. of the Swedish population is in favour of active intervention of Finland's behalf.

It is suggested that the proposed new Coalition Cabinet will be short-lived and will be forced out by an organised movement with a wide backing in favour of supporting Finland.—Reuter.

South American States Enraged

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 5.

The Government have addressed a note to the League of Nations demanding the expulsion of the Soviets. If the request is not granted, Uruguay threatens to leave the League.

SANTIAGO The ambassadors of Bolivia and Peru and the Paraguayan Minister interviewed the Shilean Foreign Minister and conveyed the intention of their Governments to protest against the Soviet invasion of Finland.—Reuter.

HOW SWEDES CAN FIGHT FOR FINNS

As regards Swedes desiring to fight for Finland the position is if they are not recruited on Swedish soil they are free to join the Finnish Army as there is no law forbidding Swedes to offer services to a foreign Government.—Reuter.

Britain Drops Duty On Iron And Steel

LONDON, Dec. 4.

It is officially announced that with effect from December 5 a wide range of iron and steel products will be admitted to the United Kingdom duty free.

The products listed include ingots, blooms, billets, girders, joints, angles, plates, sheets, rails and wire.—Reuter.

FINLAND'S BRAVE RESISTANCE

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caused Sweden to order partial mobilisation.

It is stated that 40,000 more men are being called up bringing the total to 150,000 which is four times the normal strength. —Reuter.

OUT TO AVERT WAR

Objective Of Oslo Conference

OSLO, Dec. 5.

It is officially announced that the Danish and Swedish Foreign Ministers will arrive on Thursday at the invitation of the Norwegian Foreign Minister to discuss the questions to be put before the League of Nations.

"The Finnish appeal to the League is the principal cause of the meeting, said the Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Koht in a statement to the Norwegian news agency.

"As much for our own sake as for Finland's, we wish peace should be restored as soon as possible. Consequently, other northern countries must seek means to replace war by peaceful negotiations".—Reuter.

WHAT ACTION WILL BRITAIN TAKE?

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Reuter learns that reports, which appeared in some papers that Great Britain and France are considering making a "demarche" to Russia may perhaps give a false impression.

The Russo-Finnish dispute is under consideration in London in all its phases and it is too early yet to state what action may be decided by the British Government.—Reuter.

U. S. To Maintain Embassy At Soviet Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec 5

The United States will not recall the Ambassador to Moscow, it is learned from sources close to White-House.

It was explained that the administration wished to maintain the Embassy at Moscow as a valuable "listening post."

Also the withdrawal of the Ambassador might hamper possible United States contribution towards eventual sound peace.—Reuter.

Finland To Fortify Aaland Islands

HELSINKI, Dec. 5.

Finns apparently expecting that the Soviet will attack on Aaland Islands, are despatching a considerable detachment of troops thither, according to a semi-official statement.

Finland has decided to fortify the Islands in accordance with the Geneva Agreement signed by several Powers, but not Russia.—Reuter.

Erko In Stockholm

LONDON, Dec. 5.

News has been received in London that M. Erko has arrived in Stockholm to take up the post of Finnish Charge d'Affaires there.—Reuter.

Helsinki Still Normal

HELSINKI, Dec. 5.

There is still a semblance of normality here. Trams and buses are running. Legations are all outside the town, following the advice of Government.

The latest news from Petsamo says that the Russian manoeuvre to turn Finnish position has failed.—Reuter

Bombing Of Salmijaervim

OSLO, Dec. 5.

Three Russian warplanes are reported to have bombed Salmijaervim. A number of explosions were heard on the Frontier.—Reuter.

Red Army's Advance

MOSCOW, Dec. 5.

According to the latest Soviet bulletin, the Red army has advanced between 25 and 29 miles into the Karelian Isthmus.

It appears that the Soviet

REPEATED RAIDS ON SAME SPOT

New German Tactics On Western Front

PARIS, Dec. 5.

Germans are adopting new tactics on the Western front—repeated raids on the same spot. Their aim is possibly to train troops or punish them if they fail in the first raid. There were three or four Nazi raids in the last twenty-four hours in the same area, east of Wissembourg, where night patrols were also constantly operating. All raids were repulsed. —Reuter.

NAZI 'PLANES OVER BELGIUM AND N. FRANCE

Reply To R. A. F. Raid On Heligoland

PARIS, Dec. 5.

The German aircraft "replied" to the Royal Air Force raid on Heligoland with a series of long-range reconnaissance flights over Belgium and north and north-east France.

The French scouting planes reported that German airmen were apparently attempting to familiarise themselves with the terrain between the Maginot Line and Dunkirk, according to the Paris editor of the "New York Herald Tribune". This area has been strengthened by the French to check possible German invasions of France through Belgium.—Reuter.

ALLIES' SEIZURE OF GERMAN EXPORTS

Will America Protest?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.

A decision can be expected this week as to whether the United States will protest to Britain and France regarding the Allies' seizure of German exports, said an official of the State Department.

He added, that the question was being studied for some time by officials of the State department, following the protests of other neutrals.—Reuter.

GERMAN GUARDSHIP SUNK

LONDON, December 5

A German guardship has been sunk in German minefields.—Reuter.

POSTER DEMONSTRATION FOR INDIAN FREEDOM

British Photographer's Sleight Of Hand

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Several Indian students complained to me to-day that a certain British photographer recently took pictures of the Indian demonstration for Indian freedom at Cambridge. The Indian students held a poster parade with alternate posters which included the British Government's official poster "Freedom in peril Defend it with all your might" and the Indian poster "India demands freedom. Fight with all your might for Indian freedom" Indian students allege that the photographer supplied to newspapers here and abroad pictures showing the Indian students holding only the British Government poster with the description "Indian students demonstrate support to Britain." The photographer completely ignored Indian posters.

troops are only just within striking distance of Mannerheim Line after five days of fighting.—Reuter.

Landing Of More Soviet Troops

OSLO, Dec. 5.

Soviet warships to-day were observed landing troops on both sides of Petsamo Fjord, according to reports from Kirkenes near the Finnish-Norwegian Frontier.

The reports add that Finns made no attempt to stop the landing. They are awaiting the Russians at Petsamo which is stated to be strongly fortified.—Reuter.

FINNISH MINISTER HELD UP IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The Finnish Minister in Moscow is held up at the Legation and is unable to leave the country, according to a Finnish source in London.—Reuter.

Finnish Advance In Karelian Isthmus

LONDON Dec. 5.

In the Salmi region, the Finns claim a considerable advance inflicting "very heavy losses."

They also claim an advance in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Front Page News of the week is the contemplated expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League by M. Avenol. I think Comrade Stalin will be very cut up when he hears about it.

The Commerce Graduates' Association comes of age on Monday the 18th instant. There is to be a dinner to celebrate the occasion. But when does an association come of age—at 18 or 21?

The Oxford Pamphlets continue to come in. Forthcoming titles include: "Who Hitler is," by R. C. K. Ensor, "Can Germany Stand the strain"? by L. Thompson, "The Blockade" by W. Arnold-Forster; "National Socialism and Christianity" by Rev. N. Micklam. They are awaited with interest.

There seems to be some doubt about the possibility of the proposed Festival of Cricket for charity and the match between the Pentangular Champions and the Rest may not come off after all. Why this spirit of defeatism?

As a tribute to the occasion Herr Hitler is about to command that Shark's Finn Soup should be the national dish of Germany.

While our Vice-Chancellor talks of "torch-bearing," the German Chancellor still believes in "child-bearing" to solve the cannon-fodder problem of Germany.

Sailing in the harbour at night, one sees the lights of the Yatch Club brilliantly lit while the other buildings in the neighbourhood are in pitch darkness. Again I ask, why?

SAVARKAR RE-ELECTED

Hindu Sabha Presidentship

POONA, Dec. 5.

At a meeting of the Reception Committee held to-night, Mr. B. C. Chatterji, Bar-at-Law, presiding, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, was elected President of the forthcoming session of the All-India Hindu Maha Sabha which is to commence its session on December 28.

Sir Manmathnath Mukerji, ex-Chief Justice of Bengal was elected Chairman of the Reception Committee.—United Press.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WORLD PRESS

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business, and the business is that of a jockey."

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The Bank of England may be obliged to break one of their most inflexible rules. They may employ married women.

When a woman member of the staff gets married she must leave at once. No exceptions are made and no married women are employed. Since the outbreak of war, however, many of the staff have joined up. And the routine work of the Bank was disturbed by the removals to the country.

The directors had to decide whether they should employ untrained, unmarried girls, or re-employ those women members of the staff who had married. The arguments against employing new persons were that they would take a long time to train, and there would be hardship in having to dismiss them when the male staff returned at the end of the war.

An interesting point that emerged during the investigation was that the "life" of a girl in the Bank averaged eight years. Those who start at eighteen leave by the time they are twenty-six.

Soviet Navy in the Baltic.

Sikander's Allegations Baseless

Bombay Govt. & Shooting Incident At Ahmedabad

LAHORE, Dec. 5.

The Chief Whip of the Assembly Congress Party has released to the Press to-day the correspondence that passed between Mr. K. M. Munshi, ex-Home Minister of the Bombay Government, Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, the Public Relations Officer, Government of Bombay and Lala Deshbandhu Gupta, member of the Assembly in connection with the allegation made by Hon. Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, on the floor of the Assembly, on November 20, that certain news regarding the shooting of eight prisoners at Ahmedabad Railway Station at 11 p.m. on October 30 and its alleged suppression by the Government of Bombay.

The correspondence was read on the floor of the Assembly this morning while seeking leave of the House for an adjournment motion to discuss the unfortunate impression created in the public mind by the Premier's allegations against the Bombay Government.

The correspondence reveals that the allegation is groundless inasmuch as a whole column about the incident was published in the "Sandesh" of Ahmedabad, the next day and news about it appeared in almost all Bombay newspapers of November 1.

The Public Relations Officer, Bombay adds that no official contradiction of the Punjab Premier's allegations could be made by the Government of Bombay as no newspaper, provincial or non-provincial had published the former's statement.—United Press.

ADJOURNMENT RULED OUT IN PUNJAB ASSEMBLY

LAHORE, Dec. 5.

Lala Deshbandhu Gupta's adjournment motion in the Punjab Legislative Assembly regarding unfortunate impression in public minds as to the authenticity and correctness of the official statement made by the Punjab Premier against the Bombay Government in course of his reply to the debate on the adjournment motion on November 20 last, which allegation of the Premier on inquiry was proved to be wrong, was ruled out of order by the Speaker after the reply of the Premier justifying his statement on the occasion.

Lala Deshbandhu submitted that the Premier's speech on that occasion suggested deliberate suppression by the Bombay Government of the news relating to the alleged shooting of of eight persons at Ahmedabad station on October 13 last, whereas from subsequent inquiry from the said Government on the other hand it was found that the news was published in all leading Bombay papers press cuttings whereof were placed before the floor of the House by Lala Deshbandhu Gupta.

The story was that while certain prisoners were being escorted they attempted to escape at Ahmedabad station whereupon fire was opened by the police to re-arrest them.—United Press.

STANDING ORDERS FOR TEXTILE WORKERS

Recent Changes Made By Industrial Court

In the third week of last month the newly instituted Industrial Court heard the appeals made by the Bombay textile workers and the Bombay Millowners Association against the Standing Orders Settled by the Commissioner of Labour and has now pronounced its judgment.

The new Standing Orders, amended by the Industrial Court are considerably in favour of the workers and many of the demands and suggestions made in their appeals on behalf of the Bombay textile workers by the Kamgar Seva Sangh and other labour leaders have been accepted. These Standing Orders as finally settled by the Industrial Court shall come into operation on and from the 12th December 1939. These Orders are applicable to Bombay City, Kurla, Gokak, Poona and Sholapur.

CHANGES MADE BY COURT

In the old Standing Order No. 8 only two days in a month were given to an operative to receive his unclaimed wages, but in the new order formulated by the Court one day in a week has been provided to an operative for such wages.

In Order No. 9 it is made imperative on the part of the Company to give a week's notice to the employees discharged as a result of discontinuance of shift before re-starting it. However, at the time of re-employment preference will have to be given to the operative's length of previous service.

In Order No. 10 with respect to absence of any operative from places of work it has been laid down that if his absence commences after the recess period the operative should not be treated as absent for that whole day but he should be counted as absent only for half day.

ONE MONTH'S LEAVE

Order No. 11 has almost been changed totally. In the old order continuous service was required for entitling a worker to one month's leave. But in new order service for a total period of 12 months qualifies an operative for a total period of one month's leave. More over if the operative after proceeding on leave desires an extension, he should apply for the purpose either in writing or orally or through any person to the authority granting leave and in any case the Company will have to send a written reply either of the grant or refusal of such extension to the operative if his address is available. In this an operative would at least know whether his extension is sanctioned.

Regarding casual leave in Order an operative could get more than 3 days at a time in case of sickness. Ordinarily he would not get more than three days at a time.

"PLAYED OFF" WORKERS

According to amended Order No. 17 'played Off' operatives would at least know when normal work will be resumed. In this respect the Company will have to whenever practicable, give a reasonable notice of resumption of work to the operatives played off due to stoppage of machinery or some such reason.

In Order No. 21 clause of giving 14 days' previous notice before striking work has been deleted and thereby the Hands of the Company have been made powerless. In old Order, striking without giving 14 days' notice was included in acts of misconduct, and thus right given to the workers by the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act was tried to be circumvented by this order, but the Court taking proper notice of this wide power in the hands of the employers has deleted that particular clause. This clause was common in both the sub-sections (b) and (c) in the old Standing Order No. 21.

So also in sub-section k. about disorderly behaviour the word 'drunkenness' has been dropped in the new order.

WHEN FINE CAN BE IMPOSED

Frequent repetition of any act of omission is necessary for fining an operative.

To Order No. 22 a long clause has been added which gives the operative an opportunity of explaining the circumstances alleged against him before he is liable for any action by the Management. If on enquiry any action by the Company is withdrawn, the operative is made entitled to the wages he might have forfeited during the period of suspension, had he not been suspended.

By the new Standing Order No. 25 every permanent operative will have the right of getting service certificate at the time of leaving service, dismissal or discharge. Such a provision gives the worker a chance of getting employment in any other mill than the one he would be dismissed from.

Thus in many ways the Court has taken a sympathetic view of the present conditions of the workers in Bombay and after carefully studying the changes suggested by the champions of labour cause has amended and newly framed the Standing Orders.

ABDONMENT OF SALES TAX DOES NOT AFFECT PROHIBITION

Deficit To Be Met From Money Set Apart For Rural Development Purposes

The budgetary position of the Government of Bombay at the end of the present financial year it is understood, will not be materially altered by the Government's decision not to proceed with the sales tax on manufactured cloth. The reason is that a substantial part of the 25 lakhs set apart by the Congress Ministry for rural development purposes will remain unexpended at the end of the year as the schemes for development were incomplete when the Congress vacated office.

Any unexpected deficit accruing from prohibition will be made good from the savings effected on the rural development side.

The actual expectations of the Congress Government from the sales tax on manufactured cloth was in the vicinity of 10 lakhs during the present financial year. It will be easy for Government to meet this deficit because of the large surplus on the rural development side.

"TIMELY, WISE AND PROPER"

Business Circles Welcome Non-enforcement Of Sales Tax

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Interviewed by the "Bombay Chronicle" representative regarding the decision of the Government of Bombay not to enforce the sales tax in respect of manufactured cloth, Prof. S. R. Davar said that the decision was timely and proper because the tax was unpopular among the big dealers as also among the small traders.

"The tax would not only have created great difficulties for the dealer but would also have impeded the sale of Indian made cloth at a time when we are having an excellent opportunity to replace imported cloth by swadeshi."

Prof. Davar added that the imports of foreign cloth would decline by stages due to war and the little quantity that would be imported would be more expensive. The decision of the Government of Bombay was virtually the removal of an obstruction in the sale of Indian made cloth.

A WISE DECISION.

"Besides these considerations," said Mr. Davar "there were insurmountable difficulties in the actual practical levy and collection of this new tax and even the Congress Ministry was much puzzled as to how they should proceed. In view of this, the Governor's decision was a wise one.

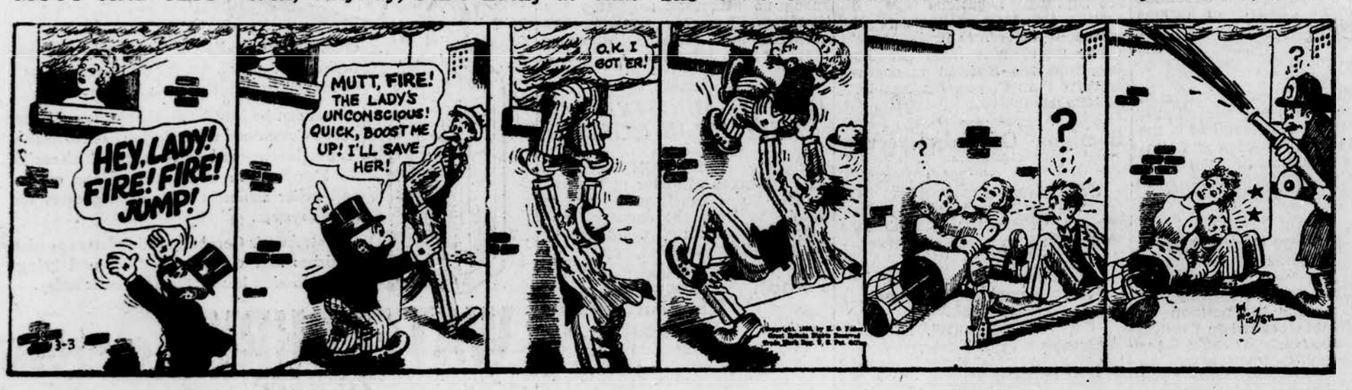
A well-known silk merchant of Bombay expressed the view that the decision would be welcomed particularly by the petty dealer who would have been adversely affected by the tax. The decision would be welcome not only to the twenty thousand retail dealers but also to 4,000 whole-salers. The fillip to swadeshi would be considerable.

APPREHENSION REMOVED.

Mr. J. C. Setalvad, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber said that the dealer in cloth would welcome the decision because they had been entertaining an apprehension all along, that the tax would prove a great hardship to the small dealer. Many merchants were of opinion that the machinery required for the collection of the tax would be so costly that the net receipts would be comparatively small.

Mr. Setalvad further expressed the view that Government had given due weight to the views expressed on the subject by trade interests. He thought that if the Congress had been in power today, their decision would have been the same as the one taken by the Governor. He referred in this connection to the assurance given by the Congress Ministry that the matter regarding sales tax on manufactured cloth would receive their earnest attention, before any final action was decided upon.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, Anyway, Jeff's Lucky at That—She Can't Talk Back to Him! By BUD FISHER



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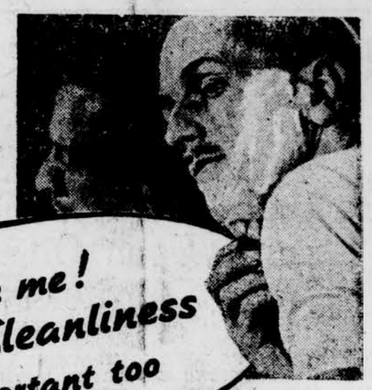

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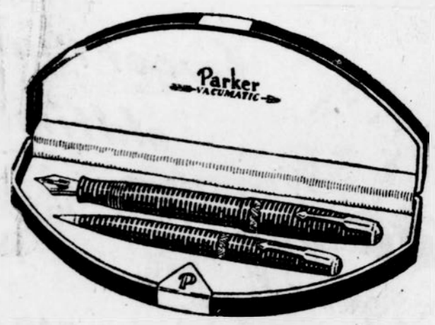

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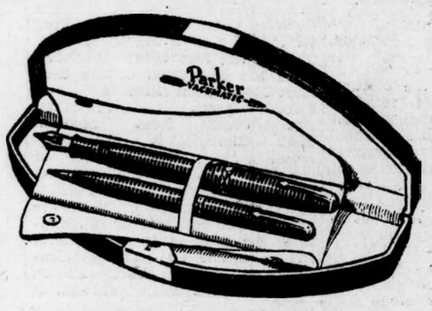

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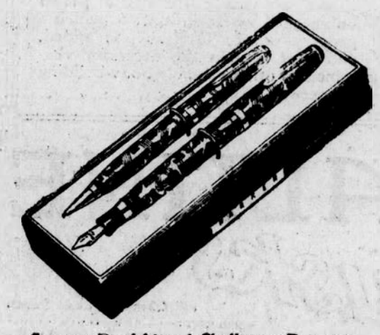

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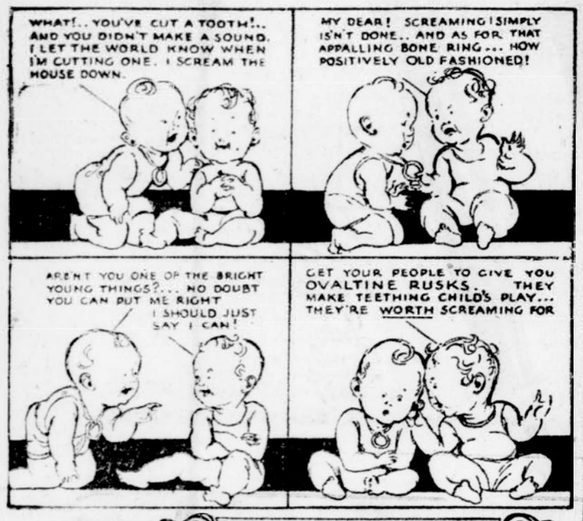
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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Bombay To Kolhapur

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Kindly permit me to ventilate the grievances of the large number of passengers who have the misfortune to travel third class from Bombay to Kolhapur. Their number is large throughout the year and is much increased in the rainy season when the coastal service is stopped. All Konkan traffic must pass through Kolhapur, from where lorries run to all parts of Konkan. This year due to lack of coastal service the traffic continues to be large.

The convenient train from Bombay to Poona is Poona Mail leaving Bombay at 5.30 in the evening. The connecting train from Poona to Kolhapur is a passenger. Formerly at Bombay the passenger could get a mixed ticket (Mail on G.I.P. and passenger on M.S.M.) Now the passenger can get either a mail or a passenger ticket throughout. If he purchases mail (and he is more inclined to do so as the starting train is a mail) he pays -/9/- more to M.S.M. and to claim it back is a tedious process to undergo which every passenger has neither the will nor the capacity. If he purchases a passenger ticket, the G.I.P. ticket checker frowns on him and demands not only the difference but also penalty. The third alternative of purchasing the ticket in parts, puts the passenger to the extra inconvenience of waiting at another ticket window situated so far away from the platform.

Then at the Poona station there is a bogie which runs directly to Kolhapur. The accommodation in the bogie is limited and the number of bogies are not increased even in the rainy season. So follows the usual struggle for a seat. Very often the females occupy the male compartment and the females compartment is vacant, obviously for want of safety. Once I asked the permission of the authorities at the Poona station to permit me to travel in the female compartment with my family, offering to leave it if any other female passenger comes, but I was refused.

After this struggle if the poor passenger is able to squeeze himself into the compartment somehow or other another nuisance appears in the form of bugs. Far from permitting a sleep they make it uncomfortable even to sit. These 'bugs' are a speciality of M.S.M. Railway, other trains in India do not rear the stock. Probably if the compartments are washed properly this nuisance will disappear.

Will the authorities concerned look into the grievances.—Yours, etc.

RAGHUBIR SINGH.

"Reforms In Limbdi"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—In your Readers' Views, Mr. Narotam Zaverchand Sanguvi, under the heading of "Reforms in Limbdi" has tried to defend the acts of the State, apparently on behalf of the State. Every one who knows him, knows fully well how he first of all left Limbdi, how he deserted the people, went back to Limbdi and sided with the State. Not only that, when thousands of people were still in Hijrat, he tried his utmost every moment to weaken the solidarity of the Hijaritis and to create division amongst them. He is a personal friend of Yuvaraj and when Nagarseth of his own family and thousands of other rich and propertied men are still in Hijrat, he is visiting the royal family often and often and works in the committees directed by the State to break down the strength of popular agitation.

Such a man can no longer be expected to speak otherwise than in the language of the State. Reforms of which he speaks so much are prepared to bring dissensions in the people and to lighten the bonds of slavery. That Mr. Narottam speaks on behalf of State Publicity Board, shows very clearly how he represents the State. When Mahatmaji has severely criticised the acts of the State and said it is sin to hold properties in such State, every one can understand how much insecurity of life and property must be existing there. Loyalists like Mr. Narottam can no longer mislead the public of this age. —Yours, etc.,

BHAGVANJI KAPASI.

Swadeshi Articles

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I am myself a believer in Swadeshi and as far as is possible I buy Swadeshi articles for my every day use. But firstly these country-made things are not very well advertised and so one does not know where they are available, and secondly in the case of some articles I can definitely say that they are far inferior to foreign make. I wish to refer to the hand-made blotting paper which is now patronised by the Bombay Government and is used in all the Government offices. It does not absorb ink at all and sometimes it leaves the impression of its redness on the paper if the latter happens to be wet. If there are no prospects of any improvement in this cottage industry, then the various paper-mills in the country should be asked to produce first class blotting-paper. Another Swadeshi thing which is used in Government Offices, is ink. My personal experience with regard to red ink in particular is not happy. The nib gets clogged and every now and then I have to clean my nib in order to make the ink run smoothly. I have got a similar complaint to make against the Waverly type of nib produced by a Calcutta firm. It does not run as smoothly as the original Waverly nib does. There is something in the point which the Calcutta firm lacks. I, therefore, request the various companies concerned which produce the various articles of stationery for use in Government Offices, to see that the articles produced by them are not in any way inferior to foreign stuff and that the users are thoroughly satisfied with their quality. If this is not done the cause of Swadeshi is bound to suffer in the long run.—Yours, etc.

A SWADESHI-ITE.

Bombay, December 4.

LABOUR DEMAND FOR SECRET SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

(Continued from page 6.)

raised from 2 per cent. to 5 per cent. and in addition also to the ordinary income taxes. The exemptions at the base are very small. This is described by the "Manchester Guardian" as a heroic finance. The fact must, however, be emphasised that with economic life slowed down as it is, through the withdrawal from it of the greater and most active part of the male population, it will be extremely difficult for the Government to raise revenue so greatly in excess of its peace-time revenue. Parallel with this increased taxation runs the intensified State control of industry and wages. Munition workers of military age receive soldier's pay and a living allowance, but no actual wages. The wages of others are kept at the pre-war level and cannot be changed without Government approval. Further, sixty hours a week are worked in many places. All this eliminates the unpleasant contrast in the last war between the soldier's hard lot and the munition worker's high wages.

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The sinking of neutral vessels after striking a mine has given many political writers to compare Hitler with Al Capone, the former American gangster. Mr. Beverley Baxter, a Conservative M. P. and a staunch supporter of Mr. Chamberlain, in denouncing Hitler, finds a parallel in the life of Hitler and Al Capone. However, our memories are not short-lived. Only a year ago, after Mr. Chamberlain had returned to 10, Downing-street with a scrap of paper signed by Hitler, Baxter devoted a full page of a Sunday paper to pay tribute to Hitler for being truly concerned in preserving the peace of Europe. The same writer, almost exactly a year later, writes: It was Al Capone, who first became known as Public Enemy Number One. Such is the way of all flesh that he holds that distinction no longer. Public Enemy Number One is now Adolf Hitler.

Although there is still lull on the Western Front, German minelaying has intensified war at sea by the decision of the British Government to enforce a stricter blockade. Holland and Belgium have expressed the gravest alarm at the threat to their trade which will result from British seizure of all exports of German origin. One-third of all goods dealt with in Belgian ports are of German ownership, and if the British Fleet seizes cargoes sent out of these ports, Belgian export trade will fall even lower than it has done up to now—with dire results for the standard of life of the Belgian people.

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The Comintern weekly "World News and Views" for November 18 contains a significant attack on all Imperialism, and especially on German Imperialism and Nazi warmongers. The writer of this article is the leader of the German Communist party, Herr W. Florin, now living in Moscow. This is the first time, I believe, since the conclusion of the German-Soviet Pact that such a direct attack on the Nazis has come from Moscow. Herr Florin is the successor to Thaelmann of the leadership of the German Communist party. He is a member of the Comintern Executive and a close collaborator of Dimitroff, the head of the Comintern. In his article he attacks Imperialism "in London and in Paris" but the main criticism is directed against the Imperialists and Nazis in Berlin. He writes: "We, German Communists, accuse German Imperialism of having driven the German people into the war. . . . The German Imperialists began the war against Poland allegedly in order to unite the city of Danzig with the German Reich. In reality it was not a question of Danzig and the Corridor, not only of crushing Poland and conquering territories which could be claimed as being German, but above all of the dispute with England over the hegemony of Europe and the capture of colonies." Under the rule of Germany Europe would be, says, Herr Florin, "a frightful prison for the people." The Government quarters in Germany, he says, accuse Britain and France of making the war, but this is contradicted by facts. The German workers and peasants in Germany have, it is added, thousandfold proof that the reactionary German capitalists and the Nazi party wanted war against France and Britain. The chief object of attack by the Comintern has of late been the Allied Powers, and only on the side has Germany been alluded to. Even Dimitroff in his long speech last month touched lightly on German Imperialism. Herr Florin's article is, in fact, the first outspoken criticism of the Nazis that has been allowed to come from the Comintern quarters in Moscow.

SUCCESS OF NIYOGI AND YAWALKER

Exhibition Of Paintings At Honolulu

GWALIOR, Dec. 3.

Mr. Nagesh Yawalker went to Europe and America and Prabhat Niyogi to Hawaii Island under the patronage of His Highness and returned home after extensive tour only last week. Mr. Yawalker the young artist is reported to be the first Indian painter to tour round United States of America and his exhibitions on Indian painting were greatly appreciated by artists in America, England, and France. He visited Italy and studied with Giovacci Dimma for the making of modern Indian sculpture in Karrara Marble and visited several museums.

Mr. Niyogi greatly impressed Dr. Gregg M. Sinclair, Director of the Oriental Institute of Hawaii Island. The academy of art at Honolulu requested Niyogi for an exhibition of his paintings. On his return journey he stayed in Sydney, Australia at the request of the University and in a surprisingly short time at his disposal, he painted a picture entitled 'Temple dancers,' which among other paintings of his, won universal appreciation for the 'fine colour scheme, superb composition' and its delicacy.

POSTAL PACKAGES OF TEA FOR COUNTRIES ABROAD

NEW DELHI, Dec. 5.

The Chief Censor, India, has issued the following Communique:—

"The Public are informed that with effect from December 15, 1939, postal packages containing samples of tea cannot be despatched to foreign countries without affixing to them permits issued by the Chief Censor, India, except in the case of those addressed to any place in the British Empire, Eire, France and French possessions, North and South America, to British, Indian and Empire troops in the Field and British and allied internees in foreign countries other than Germany.

Applications for permits should be addressed to the Chief Censor, India, Army Headquarters, New Delhi."

PERMIT BOOKS.

A second communique issued by the Chief Censor, India, says:

"From the 15th December, 1939, firms in Bombay, may obtain fresh supplies of Permit Books from the Senior Censor, at the Reserve Bank of India on delivering to him the used counterfoils of the Permit books previously issued to them properly filled in and signed.

"Original applications must still be made to the Chief Censor, India, Army Headquarters, New Delhi."—United Press.

NEW EXECUTIVE OF POONA MUNICIPALITY

Popatlal Shah Elected President

POONA, Dec. 5.

At a meeting of the Poona Municipality to-day for the election of President, Vice-President, Chairman, of the Standing Committee, etc., Mr. Popatlal Shah, President of the City Congress Committee was elected President by forty votes to nil. All the Hindu Mahasabha Members remained neutral while four out of six Muslim League Members voted for the Congress.

Mr. Ragunath Rao Walveker was elected Vice-President.

The meeting also elected Mr. G. G. Karande as Chairman of the Standing Committee with 11 members by 39 votes to three. 17 remaining neutral.

The meeting further elected Adult Education Committee with Mr. H. M. Vaghire as Chairman and eight members, Dr. B. A. Shirolker as Chairman of the Sanitation Committee with four members, the President, Vice-President, Chairman and two members of the Special Committee, Mr. P. N. Naik as Chairman and seven members to the Town Planning Committee Mr. T. A. Kirad as Chairman and six members to the new Road Committee and also a Revision Committee.—A. P.

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FIRE CAUSES 25 LAKHS DAMAGE

Godowns At Masjid Bunder Road Destroyed

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE LAKHS WORTH OF PROPERTY AND GOODS WERE DESTROYED, WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN A ROW OF GODOWNS, AT MASJID BUNDER ROAD EARLY THIS MORNING.

The firemen battled against 30-feet long tongues of flames, amidst columns of acrid smoke, for nearly two hours and then brought the fire completely under control.

At the end of the battle only the blackened shell of the godowns remained. Till late in the afternoon firemen were working with hoses of water to extinguish the smouldering embers. Huge hillocks of grain, conspicuous among which was horse-gram, burnt by the flames and spoiled by water, were turned into bases for firemen to carry on salvage operations.

The first alarm of fire was reported to have been received at 4-45 a.m. and fire-brigades under Chief Officer, Mr. Coombs, raced to the spot. When the firemen arrived, the glare of the flames could be seen a long distance away, because as four godowns were crackling under the mass of swirling and spluttering flames, strengthened by a strong morning breeze.

The whole building which housed the goods of about thirty firms of the city, looked like a blazing brazier. The only part which was not still safe from the ravages of fire was a godown with cotton piecegoods and yarn belonging to Ralli Brothers.

So the firemen gallantly set themselves to the task of saving the godown. A large number of people at the time had collected themselves near the scene and were only kept back, because of the burning heat. A general alarm was sent to all the fire-brigade stations, by breaking open four fire alarm signals. The "brigade-call" had an immediate effect and eleven fire-engines were promptly on the spot.

The strong breeze, fanning the mass of flames, made the task of the firemen to save the fifth godown impossible stored with piecegoods and situated at the farthest end from the Masjid Bunder bridge. It was seen that those who could get into it, could not come out and those who were inside could stay there without any danger to life. Fortunately, only the solitary watchman who was inside the godown had came out after seeing the four other godowns on fire and he was the first man to give the fire-alarm.

On either side of the godowns were rows of other godowns separated only by side lanes. Other godowns immediately on the right from the main road namely, the Masjid Bunder Road, were in danger. Sparks flying from burning torches flew in the direction, lying parallel to the godown on fire with the result that the tarpaulin sheets caught fire. Firemen scaled the walls of the godown and pulled them down and by means of wet swamps stopped the fire from spreading.

On the left, lying adjacent to the main road where Congress meetings are held, green trees were transformed into transmitters of fire to the adjacent room of godowns.

The firemen's task was rendered difficult and complicated, as they had to direct their hoses alternately from the burning godowns to the blackened trees.

By 6 o'clock the locality was far from being a danger zone. Police, then, had to intervene to keep back a solid human barrier which was watching the fire and which only a few minutes before was in a terrible stampede due to the glare and heat of the flames.

Four hours together people watched the salvage corps in its operations amidst heaps of grain, grams and linseed and a network of rafters. There were frenzied calls from the heads of the different firms on salvage corps officer as to whether their books of account could be saved.

The fire had consumed everything. Deposited in what is regarded as safe almirahs, the flames had penetrated into them and completely destroyed them. What was left unconsumed, was destroyed by an unceasing stream of water from the hoses. It was roughly estimated that four feet of water had collected within the walls of the godowns which were in all 52,000 square feet.

The buildings belonged to the Bombay Port Trust Company. The brick walls were all scorched and portions of them had crumbled down. The loss to the buildings is estimated at Rs. 4,00,000. Loss of property is put at about Rs. 21 lakhs of which 8 1/2 lakhs worth of piecegoods and yarns belonged to Ralli Brothers. The slate roofs of the godowns were reported to have collapsed within thirty minutes after the firemen started their attack. It was estimated that 27,000 tons of goods could be stored in the five godowns and all of them were almost filled to capacity.

The goods are stated to have been insured. The building, however, was not insured. The police are making investigations.

The cause of fire is not known.

"Not Insured"

A report gained currency in informed market circles in the evening, that goods worth Rs. 10 lakhs, destroyed by the fire, had not been insured.

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PROFITEERING CONTROL IN U. P.

Govt. Instructions To Magistrates

LUCKNOW, Dec. 5.

The question of profiteering which is being indulged in by businessmen and which is now-a-days rampant in the districts came up for consideration at a meeting of Advisors of the U. P. Government and H. E. the Governor at the Secretariat to-day.

The meeting was attended besides by Mr. Mudie, Chief Secretary and Mr. Nethersole, Publicity Secretary.

The desirability of issuing instructions to the District Magistrates to tackle this problem effectively is reported to have been discussed.—United Press.

BANDRA BUS CASE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Kanuga concluded before Mr. Trivedi, Bandra Magistrate, on Monday his arguments on behalf of Sir Sultan Chinoy in the defamation suit that has been filed against the latter by Mr. Sanglikar, ex-Manager of the Bandra Bus Co., Ltd., of which the respondent is the Chairman.

The prosecution arose out of a letter which appeared in the "Evening News of India" on the 12th September '38 and in the "Times of India" the next day. Certain allegations were made against the complainant in the letter and the letter was published in the name of Sir Sultan Chinoy.

Mr. Kanuga stated that in the face of the letter which was produced in the Court and Mr. Low's corroborations, inferences were not allowed. It was clear that some sub-editor of the "Times of India," had made a mess of the same in putting Sir Sultan Chinoy's name for Mr. Akbar Chinoy's.

Dealing with the allegation that the letter was a substitute Mr. Kanuga said "This suggestion contains the implication that there was a conspiracy between the defendant and the Editor of "The Times of India," it also contains the implication that Mr. Francis Low connived at substituting at a later date a fraudulent letter for the original letter by Sir Sultan Chinoy. In my entire legal career I have not seen an example of more reckless, wanton and defamatory allegations made against a highly respectable person, in order to sustain a flimsy prosecution."

Orders were reserved till the 22nd instant.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SUTTA RAIDS IN CITY

Four Gambling raids were carried out in the city by the Anti-Gambling Squad and Section Police during last night and 12 persons were arreshed.

The raids were carried out at 375, Narsi Natha Road Pydhonie, Bhaskar Bhuwan, Sir Bhai Chandra Road, Matunga, Narottan Narayandas Wadi, Kalbadevi, and Dadalim Wing, Govindji Keni Road, Bhoiwada.

Alleged incriminating materials including Sutta chits and marked coins, were seized at each place.

At the Maunga flat, it was found that Sutta business was being carried on the telephone, Ramaprasad Trimbaklal Dave and two others were taken into custody.

All the persons were remanded at the Mazagaon Police Court this morning.

APPEAL FOR TRANSFER FAILS

Pending the disposal of an appeal filed in the High Court by Motiram Bhau Hatkar against the decision of the Chief Presidency Magistrate refusing a transfer, the case against Mr. B. G. Horniman and another on a charge of defamation was postponed to the 12th instant by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon, to-day, when it came up for hearing.

In this case the complainant originally applied for adjournment to move the Chief Presidency Magistrate for a transfer of the case to another court. The application which was opposed by Mr. Horniman was rejected by the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The case arose out of the publication in the "Bombay Sentinel" of a complaint about alleged "Dadagiri" in Girgaum.

FATAL FALL FROM LOADED LORRY

Maskin Hassanalli (22), a cleaner, who sustained severe injuries in a fall from the top of the load in a lorry while fastening a rope over some bags on Monday at Thana, succumbed to his injuries in K.E.M. Hospital this morning.

The City Coroner's Jury returned a verdict of accidental death at the inquest held on the body to-day.

GIRL AGED 4 MEETS TRAGIC END

While bending over the railings of the veranda Sherbanu Jaffar Alli, aged 4, fell from the third floor of Bandealli Building, Dongri Street on Monday evening.

She was picked up unconscious and removed to the Children's Hospital, where she died last night.

A verdict of accidental death due to multiple injuries sustained in a fall was recorded by the City Coroner at the inquest held on the body to-day.

CHARGED WITH KEEPING CHARAS

Gulab Hasham (50) and Husen Suleman (50) who, it was alleged, violated Prohibition Rules, were remanded by Mr. M. A. F. Coelho at the Mazagaon Police Court.

They were stated to have been found in possession of charas.

ALLEGED ASSAULT: ACCUSED ENLARGED ON BAIL

Bleeding profusely, caused by a hefty blow on his left ear resulting in the upper portion of his ear being severed, Mr. Lewis Pinney, employed in a city firm, presented himself yesterday evening at the Yellow Gate police station and lodged a complaint of assault against Frank MacKenzie employed in a firm.

The complainant was sent to the St. George's Hospital where he was detained for treatment. The upper portion of his left ear, the police stated was "clean severed."

The accused was arrested at Wodehouse Road, this morning and enlarged on bail.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Mr. Justice N. J. Wadia at the High Court Sessions acquitted Murtazakhan Mahomedkhan (30) and Bechankhan Nasir Mahomedkhan (25), on the special jury finding them not guilty of murder.

The accused were charged with the murder of one Lalkhan Abdulkhan residing at New Bawan Chawl, Frere Bunder.

On the night of September 11 the deceased's neighbours were startled out of their sleep by screams from his room. They found him lying dead in a pool of blood. The police arrested five persons in a stable behind the room, including the two accused.

The first accused's defence was that on the night of the incident he had gone to see a theatrical show. He denied all knowledge of the offence. The other accused also pleaded not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in favour of both the accused.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION

(From Our Correspondent.)

THANA, Dec. 4.

Allegation as to how a Hindu minor girl of 17, from a respectable family from Andheri was induced to leave her residence and was taken away to Mahim, her conversion to Islam the next day and detention for some days at Parel, all with a view that she might have sexual intercourse with one of the accused, were made to-day at the Thana Sessions by Mr. R. M. Chitnis, Assistant Public Prosecutor before Mr. D. G. Kamerkar, Additional Sessions Judge and a jury.

Mr. M. K. Azad, Bar-at-Law, who is defending accused Jeenabai and Pendakhan, at the outset, pleaded for a mixed jury as the circumstances of the case and the general prejudices prevailing against the Pathans rendered it desirable.

The counsel's objection was recorded and the jurors composed of four Hindus and one Christian were duly sworn in. The Judge, however, requested the jurors to consider the evidence dispassionately keeping themselves clear of communal considerations.

The accused Jainabai and Pendakhan it was stated, were staying in the neighbourhood of the girl at Andheri and accused Mahomedsha Syad Alisha who is defended by Mr. S. S. Kazi, Advocate, is a keeper of a fleet of lorries. He is alleged to have helped the other accused in the commission of the offence of abduction.

The eldest brother of the girl in reply to questions in cross-examination by Mr. Azad, stated that the girl had, a fortnight before this occurrence, run away with one Duma, a Madrasi, when she was staying with her aunt at Santa Cruz. The witness denied that the girl was in love with the accused Pendakhan and that to save the honour of the family her age was stated to be less than what it was.

The case is proceeding.

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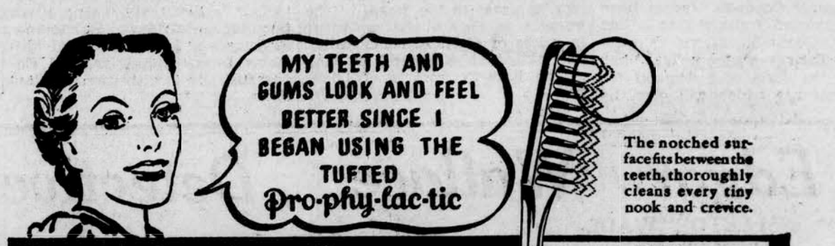

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"Times" Homily On India's Demand

Congressmen Blamed For Not Accepting Goal Of "Dominion Status"

LONDON, December 5.

"The Times" in a leader on its Indian Correspondent's analysis of the implications of the Congress demand for a British declaration on war aims in relation to India, says that the demand has raised graver issues than appears to have been appreciated among the Left-wing elements in both countries who are inclined to sweep away practical difficulties as having no bearing on the main question, the future constitutional status of India.

To ignore difficulties does not make the situation any better in India and some effort must still be made to overcome them so that all sections of Indian opinion may be associated with the people of this country in the more important task of winning the war.

The Congress itself condemns Nazism and Mr. Gandhi reflected the general Indian people when he indicated that his own sympathies were for humanitarian reasons on the side of Britain and France.

Unhappily the extreme elements in India have greatly lessened the international value of Mr. Gandhi's attitude by demanding from the British Government an immediate declaration on India's future constitutional status. The latter has long been clearly and authoritatively proclaimed as Dominion Status but its latest reiteration by the Viceroy did not satisfy the Congress. The assertion is made that the British authorities in pointing to communal and other difficulties have confused the issues and made the difficulties an excuse for withholding constitutional advance but real confusion lies in this assertion.

CONSTITUTIONAL LOGIC

Constitutional experts all agree that Dominion Status cannot be "conferred" upon the people but exists automatically when certain required conditions are present.

When the various political elements in India have agreed on the kind of constitution under which they are prepared to live the country will have secured Dominion Status for the simple reason that the British Government will have neither the power nor the desire to resist or reject the demand.

The argument that the existence of minorities in Canada and South Africa had not prevented the attainment of Dominion Status is true enough, but the minorities in both countries were satisfied with their constitutions and content to live under them. The minorities in India have yet to be satisfied of the conditions under which they are expected to live in future.

CONGRESS LEADERS BLAMED

Moreover Congress leaders have not admitted frankly that they accept Dominion Status as the goal. Their recent policy has taken the form of a demand for independence which will give the Indian people the right to frame their own constitution by means of a Constituent Assembly.

The convening of such an Assembly now or even after the war could only prove to the world the extent of Indian political disunity and many hold that an attempt to solve the communal problem on the simple majority basis would split India from top to bottom, perhaps irretrievably.

Congress leaders should, therefore, frame their demand to meet actual conditions and show some willingness to accept a position which calls for the reservation of defence, external affairs and some other matters which will qualify complete independence and should, in consultation with the minorities, find some basis of agreement that will bring into existence the environment calculated to make Dominion Status a practical possibility.

On the long view, British policy has already produced definite tangible results. Until ordered out by its Higher Command, the Congress supplied Ministries in eight Provinces. That very fact intensified communal bitterness and it is illogical for Congress leaders to assume that even greater extension of majority rule could be likely to lessen communalism in the future.

Proposals for a constitutional advance, based in the first instance on the agreement of the communities and then with the Princes would almost certainly have a smooth passage through Parliament which, backed by public opinion, is definitely pledged to assist India to attain the full status awaiting her within the British Commonwealth.—Reuter.

Lucknow Rly. Workers Demand 25 P. C. Wage Increase

LUCKNOW, Dec. 5.

A resolution demanding a 25 per cent. increase in the wages of the workers, in view of the rapid rise in prices of essential commodities, was passed at a general meeting of the Railway workers of Lucknow.—A. P.

Catholic Youth Rally on St. Xavier's College Gymkhana gounds at Parel on Sunday last.

STAFFORD CRIPPS

Will Come To Bombay In The Middle Of December

Sir Stafford Cripps, it is understood, will arrive by air at Allahabad on Friday. He will visit Wardha and will arrive in Bombay during the middle of the month either before or after the meeting of the Working Committee of the Congress. He will leave for China from Calcutta on the 26th instant. It is understood that while in Bombay he will meet Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

MORE MEMBERS IN ASSAM CABINET

SHILLONG, December 5.

The Governor administered the oath this noon to the following as fresh members of the Saadulla Cabinet; Khan Bahadur Saiydur Rahaman, Maulvi Abdul Matin Chaudhury and Miss Mavis Dunn.

There will be one more addition to the Ministry when its constitution will be complete.—United Press.

Portfolios

SHILLONG, Dec. 5.

After the oath-taking ceremony to-day the Cabinet met and redistributed the portfolios which were allocated as follows:

Sir Muhammad Saadulla—Home and Finance; Mr. Rohini Kumar Chowdhuri—Education and General; Maulvi Munawar Ali—Forest and Excise; Mr. Hirendra Chandra Chakravarty—Medical and Public Health; Khan Sahib Mudabbir Hussain Chowdhuri—Local Self-Government and Judicial; Mr. Mahendra Nath Saikia—Agriculture; Mr. Abdul Matin Chowdhuri—P. W. D. and Welfare of Labour, Electricity, etc.; Khan Bahadur Saiyidur Rahaman—Revenue and Legislative; and Miss Mavis Dunn—Industries and Co-operative Registration.—United Press.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP MILITARY AERODROME

BANNU, Dec. 4.

An attempt was made to blow up with dynamite the military aerodrome situated near Islam Chowki about six miles from Bannu by a gang of tribal raiders.

The rooms adjacent to the Chowkidar's house were set on fire and some minor damage was done.

The gang made off quickly after the attempt.—A.P.

TRIBAL RAID NEAR BANNU

Military Party Fired Upon When Retreating From Village

BANNU, December 4

The nephew of Mushtaq Alam Khan (deceased leader of the Sparka Wazirs), with a gang of 200 persons raided Islam Chauki, a landing ground five miles from Bannu, last night. A Chaukidar was overpowered and his gun snatched; his building was ransacked and later blown up by bombs thrown by the raiders.

Some platoons of the Frontier Constabulary, assisted by the 1/9th Gurkhas Regiment and a posse of Police officers, besieged last night the village of Nananur, on the border of the tribal territory in Mirian police station, to arrest some outlaws. The outlaws, who had previous intimation, escaped before the arrival of the military.

The last military retreating from the piquet was, however, fired at from a long range, wounding three Indian other ranks.—United Press.

FUTURE OF PROHIBITION

Ahmedabad Speculations Sequel To Proposed Visit Of Governor

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 5.

Gujarat Hindu Sabha at its yesterday's meeting suggested Mr. Savarker as president of the ensuing All-India Hindu Conference.

The Executive of the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee is to be held on the 13th December when Sardar Patel will address its members on the present political situation.

FAMINE RELIEF

Ahmedabad district is yet in grip of famine. Cattle are dying due to scarcity of fodder. Peasants have sent applications to Congress headquarters and Government authorities for immediate help. Congress workers are touring in the famine-stricken areas and giving relief. The Collector has just arrived here after visiting these areas.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

It is reliably understood that the Governor of Bombay will visit the Prohibition Department on his arrival here.

Great importance is attached to this visit as there are strong rumours in the city that Prohibition scheme will be postponed.

As prices in Cotton Bazar were uncertain since a fortnight, strong rumours of likely failure of payment prevailed but the payments of about 15 lakhs were made yesterday.

Osmania University Arts College at Hyderabad (Dn.) designed in Indo-Saracenic style of architecture cost Rs. 30 lakhs.

MAHATMA'S METHOD OF PEACEFUL REVOLUTION

Anasuyaben On Achievements Of Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, December 4.

Shrimati Anasuyaben, President Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association, addressed a largely attended mass meeting of the workers of the city, which was convened to celebrate the foundation day of the Institution as Labour Day.

After paying a great tribute to the pioneers of the movement, she said:—

It is due to Mahatmaji's guidance that inspite of difficulties we have marched so far. He taught us the great lessons of truth and non-violence, brotherhood, and love.

The social order as it exists today widens the gulf between the few that are wealthy and the millions who have nothing in a world which is afflicted by social exploitation, lust for wealth and brute force, bringing about strife and demoralization. We strive to create a social order which would give equal opportunities and rights to all and where everybody can lead a life of self-respect and where there will be no exploitation. Gandhiji has taught us the method of peaceful revolution to achieve this. The whole country has to undergo that revolution and in fact it is going on even to-day. We have progressed well in ridding ourselves of those handicaps, which are a bar to progress, by removing illiteracy indebtedness etc.

APPEAL TO WORKERS

"Your economic position is much better to-day due to the increase awarded by the Textile Labour Inquiry Committee and the savings due to Prohibition. Utilize these savings well, to build up a cultured society.

"I may mention here that the inspiration for the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act was supplied by this institution following the method laid down by Gandhiji.

"I congratulate those selfless workers who took up work of adult education. The scope of this work should be such as to spread literacy throughout the working class localities. Education of girls should receive greater care. Libraries, reading rooms, and cultural centres should play a greater part in your life.

"To keep you in touch with world events in conclusion I advise you to put greater emphasis on the moral side of life and to be honest, true and self-reliant. Play your proper part in civic and political life of the country. Do not be merely lifeless units of an industry but the cultured citizens of our country. May God give you that strength. "The proceedings of the meetings commenced with Sjt. Khandubhai Desai inviting the president to deliver her speech.

THE CONTRAST

Sjt. Gulzarilal Nanda put before the meeting two methods of revolution the Gandhian method of non-violent revolution through constructive means and by internal efforts as against the Russian methods of violent revolution based on terrorism and maintained through oppression. He illustrated that method by giving the topical example of the ruthless attacks by Russia on Poland and Finland. The Gandhian way alone could secure for the country and the world happiness that would be based on everybody's good and end all exploitation.

CONGRESS WORKERS ARRESTED

Raid And Search Of House And Press

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 5.

A report from Sultanpur states that action against some leading Congressmen taken by the local authorities Messrs. Vidyadhar Bajpai, General Secretary, and Chandraball Pathak, organising Secretary of the District Congress Committee are to be prosecuted under Sec. 186 I.P.C. for the alleged offence of excluding a C.I.D. reporter from a Congress meeting thus obstructing him in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Mathurard Tiwari, another member of the District Congress Committee was arrested under Sec. 108 Cr. P. C. for alleged distribution of seditious matter.

The house and press of another Congress worker was searched and police carried away some papers and arrested the Congressmen under Sec. 18 of the Emergency Press Act.

THROWN OFF WHEN OUT RIDING

Punjab Governor Meets With Accident: Badly Bruised

LAHORE, Dec. 5.

While the Governor was out riding this morning, his horse fell, throwing His Excellency.

His Excellency has been badly bruised and some muscles in the back have been strained. It is anticipated that he will be unable to fulfil any engagements for the next two days.—A.P.

'BLACK HOLE' MONUMENT

No Removal From Dalhousie Square

CALCUTTA, Dec. 5.

In the Bengal Assembly to-day Mr. Abdul Latif Biswas, member of the Ministerial Party asked if the Government had any intention to remove the Holwell monument from its present site at Dalhousie Square and expunge the story of the "Black Hole" tragedy from history.

The Hon. Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, Home Minister replied: "If I am to accept the words of the Hon. Member that the 'Black Hole' tragedy is not correct, then the Holwell Monument is a monument of Siraj-ud-Daula's success and the capture of Calcutta".—United Press.

INDORE, December 4

Mr. T. J. Kedar, Vice-Chancellor of the Nagpur University and the reputed advocate of Nagpur arrived here in connection with the injection Murder Case. He will appear on behalf of the accused.—United Press.

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